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LOOP LINE RAILWAY.

Development of Whampoa As Commercial Port.

RIVER CONSERVANCY, CIVIL AVIATION AND RADIO.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Sunday.

Perhaps the most important—from Hong Kong's point of view—of the speeches made during the interchange of official visits between Canton and Hong Kong was that by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., in his reply to the address of welcome by the chairman of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce late on Saturday night.

Canton's leading merchants listened spellbound to the emphatic and dignified interpretation by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., of His Excellency's lucid explanation of the proposals in connection with the loop-line railway, the development of Whampoa as a commercial port and its linking up to the Canton-Kowloon Railway, the completion of the line between Canton and Hankow, River conservancy, commercial aviation between Canton and Hong Kong, and radio for Chinese messages.

CANTON-HANKOW LINE.

His Excellency spoke in English as follows:—

Mr. Wu Chung-tong, I thank you very sincerely for the magnificent entertainment you have already provided; I understand that the entertainment is by no means over, because from here we are going on to see theatricals and shall be entertained almost until the morning. I appreciate more than I can say this opportunity of meeting the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and I understand that there are representatives of all the Seventy-two Guilds here tonight.

On an occasion such as this I feel bound to speak a few words on the subject of commerce. The whole raison d'être of Hong Kong is commerce, and the purpose for which Englishmen are in China is trade. Therefore, it is very important for us as well as for you that trade should flourish.

Three Principal Factors. Now there are many things which contribute towards making trade prosperous, and among them I should like to mention this evening three principal factors. The first is security, the second is communications, and the third is reasonable taxation. I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on each of these three subjects.

I need not dwell at length on the subject of security, because you all know and are personally acquainted with our sufferings under the menace of Bolshevism and Communism, under the menace of strikes and boycotts, and under the menace of pirates and brigands. Well, I wish to express my deep gratitude to the present Canton administration for the steps they have already taken to suppress Bolshevism and Communism, which have practically disappeared from Kwangtung and will never dare to raise their heads again while Marshal Li is in control. Strikes and boycotts are also a thing of the past, and Marshal Li is now taking vigorous steps to eradicate pirates and brigands.

Loop-Line Railway. The next point I wish to touch upon is the importance of trade of good lines of communication, and in this connection I wish to say a few words on the railway communications of this province. There has been a good deal of misunderstanding as to the views which are entertained in Hong Kong on the subject of what we call the loop-line railway round Canton, that is to say the proposed connection between the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the Canton-Shiukwan Railway. I know that it is the earnest desire of the Canton Government, and it is also the earnest desire of the Hong Kong Government, that the Canton-Shiukwan Railway should be extended to meet the railway which already runs from Hankow to Chuchow in Hu-

Additional Revenue. Now, if that is to be done, the gap of about five miles which at present exists between the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the railway from Canton to Shiukwan should be filled without delay, because in order to construct the railway northward from Shiukwan large quantities of plant and materials will have to be brought from overseas and sent up to rail-head. If the plant and materials can be put ashore from steamers at Kowloon and carried straight on without further handling from that point to Shiukwan, obviously there will be economy and speed in construction. There is, moreover, the obvious and immediate advantage that you will connect a hundred miles of railway already completed between Canton and Kowloon with the existing railway to Shiukwan, and you will thus have a long haul instead of the present short hauls. This could not fail to bring additional revenue in freight and passenger traffic to both lines.

No Rivalry. It has often been said—very erroneously—that the result of this short connecting link would be to divert trade from Canton to Hong Kong; but I can assure you that this is the very last thing that anyone in Hong Kong would advocate, and I wish to explain my reasons for saying so. We in Hong Kong believe that the fortunes of Canton and Hong Kong are most intimately connected, and that what is good for Hong Kong trade will improve the trade of Canton and vice versa. There is no rivalry between the two ports, but the one is complementary to the other. Nature has provided Hong Kong with a deep sea port. In Canton there is no deep sea port, but a port for shallow draft steamers only at Whampoa. That port we are anxious to see developed, and shall be very willing to assist in its development, as well as in the conservancy of the river, which is of the utmost importance to Canton and also to Hong Kong.

Whampoa's Position. But you cannot, under modern conditions, develop a port unless you also give it railway facilities; and, therefore, if you wish to develop Whampoa, you must connect it with a railway, and the obvious railway to connect it with is the Kowloon-Canton Railway which actually passes Whampoa. If you want to send goods from Whampoa by rail to Hankow, you can only do so by building the five miles of loop-line railway between Tai-sha-tau and Wongsha. It is for these reasons that we in Hong Kong are anxious both to see Whampoa developed and also to see this loop-line built. The matter has been so much misrepresented that, as I have this opportunity of addressing a very representative gathering of Canton

our position is, so that in future there may be no misunderstanding. I leave the matter now to your judgment.

Civil Aviation. There is a further point in connection with communications which I should like to touch upon, and that is communication by air. Now, whereas in Europe there has long been a highly developed railway system and there are now also very extensive motor roads, in China the railway system is far less advanced and there are hardly any motor roads. This fact is in a sense now an advantage to China, because you have not sunk so much money either in railways or in motor roads as we have in Europe, and therefore you can develop your airways with a good heart and without injury to vested interests. We hope very much in Hong Kong to see the development of commercial aviation in China, particularly in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. If we had civil aviation between Hong Kong and Canton, merchants here could travel between the two places in an hour, spend the whole day on their business, and return home in the evening. There are already aerodromes in Canton and in Hong Kong, and I hope that soon an Anglo-Chinese Company may be formed for the purpose of commercial aviation in the Liang Kwang provinces.

Photo-Telegraphy. Another thing that would be a great advantage is the development of wireless telegraphy. There are now inventions which enable you to send photographic telegrams. From the point of view of transmitting Chinese ideograms this would be a great advantage, and I hope to see it developed. Photo-telegraphy already exists between Peking and Mukden.

Foreigners and Taxation. I now pass lastly to the subject of taxation, and I wish to remind you in this connection that taxation is, of course, in all cases ultimately paid by the consumer. Therefore there is a point at which excessive taxation defeats its own ends. Beyond that point it produces no revenue to the Government and merely destroys trade. In this matter foreign merchants are perfectly willing to come to the help of the Chinese authorities and pay fair taxation—higher taxation than they pay to-day—but the other side of the picture is that they must be relieved of the unlawful and petty impositions which in many cases are not levied by the Government at all, but which are extorted by local pirates and brigands who seize the goods in transit. I was told, for instance, by a gentleman who lives in Tong-ka-tsun which is not very far from Macao, that on a pair of shoes made in Tong-ka-tsun and sent to Canton, duty had to be paid no less than thirty-three times on the way. That was at the beginning of last year. I have no doubt that the position has very greatly improved to-day, but it is obviously necessary for a merchant, when he sends his goods to a certain place, to know at what price he will be able to sell them when they reach their destination. Too often this is not now the case.

"We Wish To Help." Well, gentlemen, I am afraid I have wearied you with a long speech and said more than it was in my mind to say when I stood up; but I have spoken with the utmost frankness because I think it is desirable that our point of view in Hong Kong should be understood. We wish to help Canton. We realise that our fortunes are bound up with yours, and everything we can do to help we will do. The prospects are bright. Trade in Hong Kong is getting better, and I understand from Mr. Wu that trade in Canton is also improving. We look forward to a brighter future. Given whole-hearted co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton, I think we shall have nothing to fear, and that the trade of these two provinces Kwangtung and Kwangsi will flourish more than it has ever flourished in the past. (Applause.)

Do Everything Possible. It is the duty of a Government to foster trade and to protect merchants; the Hong Kong Government will do everything it possibly can to that end, and I know quite well that under Marshal Li's administration the authorities of

OFFICIAL VISIT.

U. S. Asiatic Fleet Coming.

ARRIVE ON MARCH 23.

Admiral Bristol To Visit H.E. The Governor.

Hong Kong is to be honoured on March 23, with an official visit from the U. S. Asiatic fleet, under the command of Admiral Bristol. The ships accompanying the Admiral's flagship, "Pittsburg," will be the U. S. S. "Black Hawk," the U. S. S. "Paul Jones" and six other destroyers.

It is understood that the American warships will arrive from Manila and leave for the North on the 31st. In April, Hong Kong, as previously announced, is to have an official visit from a large squadron of Japanese ships, the date of arrival here being April 9. The Japanese fleet, which will consist of 20 ships and will be under the command of Admiral Kanji Kato, will stay here for five days during which time they will be open for inspection by visitors.

LOCAL 'QUAKE.

HEAVY MOVEMENTS ON SATURDAY.

OBSERVATORY REPORT.

During an earthquake which occurred on the morning of March 10 the movements of the pendulums were the greatest ever recorded by the Hong Kong seismographs. The longitudinal waves began at 2.12.21 (Hong Kong Standard Time), the transverse waves at 2.16.40 and the surface waves at 2.17.56. The maximum movement occurred at 2.27.30 in a N. to S. direction, the amplitude being 98 millimetres. The maximum movement in an E. to W. direction occurred at 2.26.0 the amplitude being 78 m.m. The time of vibration during the most active part of the disturbance was 28 seconds.

The initial movement was 2.0 m.m. to South and 2.5 m.m. to West, and the origin was about 2,500 kms. from Hong Kong.

MIST AND DRIZZLE.

North east winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

P.M.G.'S VISIT.

WIRELESS FACILITIES WITH CANTON?

TO-MORROW'S VISIT.

With a view to discussing questions relating to the improvement of wireless between the two ports, the Post Master General, of Hong Kong, Mr. M. J. Breen, and Mr. L. H. King, Engineer in Charge of the Electric Department, P.W.D., will leave, together with others, for Canton to-morrow night.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

SERIOUS MILL STRIKE IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Thirty-five thousand operatives, mostly females, belonging to 86 factories in Shanghai struck yesterday morning demanding the severe punishment of a number of Chapel policemen who were alleged to have beaten a filature worker to death with rifle butts when breaking up a demonstration. Delegations interview the Defence Commissioner and Chief of Staff, who promised an investigation, but the strike continues.—Reuter.

BRITISH TO JOIN.

4-POWER DISCUSSION ON TANGIER.

London, Yesterday. The British Government have accepted the invitation of the French and Spanish Governments to send experts to Four Power discussions on Tangier in Paris on March 15.

"CUMBERLAND" HERE.

New Armoured Cruiser Arrives.

FIRST OF COUNTY CLASS.

Sister-Ship To Relieve "Hawkins" As Flagship.

The new British armoured cruiser, H.M.S. "Cumberland," arrived in harbour this morning at 10 a.m. and proceeded to buoy No. 5. The "Cumberland" is relieving H.M.S. "Vindictive," the cruiser aircraft carrier at present in Hong Kong, which leaves for Home on Wednesday.

The "Cumberland," which is the first of the County Class (10,000 tons), which were laid down in accordance with the Washington Agreement, was completed towards the end of the year at Vickers Works, Barrow in Furness, underwent its trials in December and left Sheerness for the China station on January 26.

In appearance, the "Cumberland," which attracted a great deal of attention this morning as it lay at buoy, is totally different from the light cruisers on the station. More squarely built and with stern something similar to an "Empress" liner, she has not perhaps the graceful lines of the lighter cruisers but is essentially built for serviceability and fighting power.

Eight 8-inch Guns.

The "Cumberland" carries eight 8-inch guns with four 4-inch anti-aircraft guns and twenty small weapons. Her horse power is 80,000 and her speed 31½ knots. She is fitted with bulges to protect her against mines and torpedoes and her cost was estimated at over £2,000,000.

The sister ships to the "Cumberland," either built or in course of construction are H.M. Ships "Berkwick," "Suffolk," "Cornwall" and "Kent." The latter is to leave later for the China Station to relieve H.M.S. "Hawkins" and will be the flagship of the China Station.

The "Cumberland" and her sister ships are said to resemble the British battle cruisers of the pre-war period in that they have enormous hitting power and very low defensive power in proportion so that with them quick hitting and extremely rapid firing is imperative for success in action.

Cruisers Compared.

It will be remembered that there was considerable controversy at the time the orders for the new County Class were first placed. The American reports that they would each mount nine 8-inch guns in three triple turrets have proved incorrect. The United States ships of the same type, according to the latest year book, are in fact much more powerful on paper and carry ten 8-inch guns with engines of 107,000 h.p., giving them speeds of 32 to 33 knots. The French type have a similar armament to the British class but have engines of 130,000 h.p. with speed of 34 knots. The Italian vessels of the type are to develop 150,000 h.p.

The latest naval lists give the Captain of the "Cumberland" as Capt. A. L. Snagge and other officers including Commander H. H. Harwood and Lieut.-Comdr. D. P. Cather, H. B. Deedes and J. E. Caffin.

CHANNEL TRAGEDY.

PARIS-CROYDON AIRMEN KILLED.

DESCENT IN A STORM.

London, Yesterday. A French aeroplane, carrying freight but no passengers, on the service from Paris to Croydon, came down in the English Channel to-day in a fierce snowstorm.

It is understood that the pilot, named Schmutz, sent out by wireless that he was descending. His message, picked up by North Foreland and Boulogne stations, was broadcast, his approximate position being given.

The cross-Channel steamer "Maid of Orleans" rushed to the spot and found both the pilot and mechanic dead among the wreckage.—British Wireless Service.

Reuter adds that there was also a heavy swell and that the steamer was the vessel which had been

THE REASON WHY.

HONG KONG-CANTON CORDIALITY.

SUPREME ENTHUSIASM.

People Have Confidence in Marshal Li Chai-sum.

MERCHANTS AND MAJORITY OF WORKERS WITH HIM.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Canton's enthusiasm over the official visit of His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was of a degree which few foreigners can understand. "State" functions have been so rare that even the Cantonese can well be excused for not knowing the purport of the exchange of calls with Marshal Li Chai-sum, the chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. And if the Cantonese man in the street knew so little about the matter, one may perhaps ask how the enthusiasm was brought about.

Confidence of the people in Marshal Li Chai-sum's administration was the basic cause. Marshal Li now enjoys the respect and the goodwill of the merchant class and those of the labourers and peasants—constituting a big majority—who have not been converted to extremism.

INFECTIOUS SINCERITY.

In a nutshell, the explanation is:—The sincerity of Marshal Li and his supporters in their welcome infected the masses. The masses felt that in some undefinable manner friendship between Canton and Hong Kong, between China and Britain, will benefit them. Feeling, then, that an era of prosperity is coming shortly, the people not only became interested but also very enthusiastic as well. What did it matter if they had never heard of nor seen Sir Cecil Clementi before? The head of the Canton Government has proved his worth; he must have reasons for going to Hong Kong, they thought; the Governor of Hong Kong must have reasons for returning the call; and they had sufficient faith to take it for granted that what was being done will be for their good.

For The Common Weal.

It has to be admitted that only a very small percentage is aware of the significance of this historic event, this interchange of official visits. But because Marshal Li's Government is now doing its best for the common weal—and at the same time achieving a gratifying measure of success—the citizens of Canton were glad to follow the example given them, firmly believing that something auspicious will happen.

Intrinsically, the exchange of visits may not cause any material improvement just yet. But the confidence in the Canton Government has been abundantly manifested. Prior to Marshal Li's making his speech before the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the notes issued by the Central Bank at Canton were worth only 20 or 30 per cent. of their face value.

Confidence of the Masses. Marshal Li as good as promised the Chinese merchants of Hong Kong that parity will be restored in about three months and his promise was backed up by an emphatic statement that the steps taken to restore parity will be continued.

Up went the paper money and buyers were offering over 70 per cent. yesterday. There has also been an encouraging rise in the value of Government bonds and Treasury notes, repayment of which has been hindered by disturbances of last year.

Marshal Li's policy of co-operation with other Nationalist centres has also pleased. His attitude is such that a breach with neighbours is most unlikely. As H.E. the Governor said at the dinner given in his honour by the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the danger of Communism is also past.

Plans to stamp out the evils of banditry and piracy are being carried out. Other beneficial measures are being adopted, but it is what has been done that has won the confidence of the masses.

Unfounded Allegations. When the Ironsides returned to Canton from the Yangtze valley last autumn, there was a good deal of talk about alleged provincial cliques.

The Ironsides started out as a heavy gunnery ship, attached to the Northern Expeditionary

Force; they came back as a group of armies; they were nearly all Cantonese and the Generals were mostly if not all Cantonese.

Marshal Li is a native of Kwangsi province, having been born in the Wuchow district up the West River. His colleague, General Wong Shiu-hung, the chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, is also a native of Kwangsi. So too, are General Li Tsung-jen and General Pei Chung-hsi who are in Central China.

Cantonese Predominate. Kwangsi adventurers have been masters of Canton in the past, when misrule and partisanship were rife. But one needs to intermingle freely in Canton's officialdom of to-day to appreciate the fact that Marshal Li is an exemplary disciplinarian and a firm upholder of anti-clannishness.

Mandarin may be the official dialect of China; the Kwangsi dialect may be the official dialect of the South; but Cantonese is spoken throughout every yamen in Canton to-day.

Not one of the military officers of General rank—and there were about twenty of them at the various functions—is not Cantonese.

Very few indeed of the officials of the civil administration are natives of provinces other than Kwangtung.

More Impressive Still. More impressive still is the fact that only one of Marshal Li's clansmen has a post in the Canton Government. His nephew is in the Finance Department at Honam, a suburb of Canton, and he is not even the head of a sub-department.

General Wong Shiu-hung can be said to be the only prominent official, other than Marshal Li, who is not a Cantonese. But his substantive position is head of the Government of the neighbouring province of Kwangsi. General Wong was appointed Marshal Li's deputy (in his absence) because of his ability and long service as a military leader.

Fought, But Did Not Stay. When the Ironsides came back, nearly all of the highest positions in the Provincial Government were turned over to them. Rumours of discord prevailed but Marshal Li persisted in accepting their bona fides. How the Ironsides usurped the Government when Marshal Li was at Shanghai, and how the Ironsides have been ejected from Kwangtung is now common knowledge.

Kwangsi troops were brought down to fight the Communist army of regulars which occupied Swatow for a week some months ago. Immediately after the campaign, they were repatriated. The practice had been for victorious units to cleave to what they had won. So with Marshal Li's men. They had to come down again recently but went back as soon as victory had been achieved.

Actions such as these were very favourably commented upon by Cantonese of all shades of opinion. (Continued on page 6.)

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The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents. Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the person entitled to the fractions 'making up the share'."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928. By Order of the Board, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A REVISED LIST of dates on which matches are to be played is posted in the Pavilion. Competitors are requested to consult same as soon as possible. Hong Kong, March 10, 1928.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE NINTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March next, starting at 4 p.m. Each ship may enter any number of boats.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cuet Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing Boats must be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. and place themselves under the Starter's orders so that they can be lined up before the gun is fired. Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on the 14th March.

R. J. VERNALL, Hon. Secretary, H.K.R.Y.C. Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, 21 George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

EASTER MEETING. Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on Saturday, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, Alexandra Buildings. ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

THE "PRAGA."

ITS "UNWRITTEN STORY."

STARTS AT HAMBURG.

China, in her present travail and her present chaos, with North divided against South, province against province and general against general; with Soviet and other influences constantly at work in all parts of the land; with plots and with everything rife that would tend to engender further disruption; and with more opportunities for the unscrupulous than the scrupulous, the individualist and the mercenary rather than the patriot; in these times providing much material for the historian; and there is no doubt that sooner or later but inevitably most of what is relevant to a permanent record of the epoch-making events in China during the past decade and at present will be "written up" for the information, if not the edification, of posterity. And that brings us to the unwritten story of the good ship "Praga." When we say the story of the "Praga" we refer to her adventures under that name only, and not to her previous very interesting history since the days when, thirty-six years ago, she was launched by Dobson's of Newcastle as the "Godrevy," afterwards sailing under various Continental flags under the successive appellations of "Byzanz," "Pollux" and "Hedwich Fischer." As a matter of fact, the "Praga," as such, must be known by repute to most people in the Far East who read the newspapers, and by more than repute to quite a number of other people. It may be remembered that early in January a message was received in Shanghai from the south to the effect that the "Praga" had signalled for assistance; that later she was reported as having crawled into Manila for coal; that on January 12, having finished coaling, there was some trouble owing to her crew refusing to sail on account of the nature of her cargo (destined for Marshal Chang Tso-lin) and that there was some difficulty in her obtaining clearance papers from the Customs at Manila; and that eventually there was a report of her having sailed for Tsingtao. That, so far as the public was concerned, seemed to be the end of the episode.

But behind this voyage of the "Praga," a voyage which, commencing last autumn in Hamburg, took her to Antwerp, thence to Portsmouth, thence to Suez, thence through divers ways and means and in face of many difficulties, to a Japanese Naval station in the Loochoos—to Manila, thence to Tsingtao and thence to Chinwangtao, there lies a story which, if it ever comes fully to be written (which is doubtful, as there are only two men living, who are now thousands of miles apart in distance and millions in other ways, who could write the full story, and then they would have to collaborate) will of a surety find a permanent niche in the archives of Chinese history and in those true tales of adventure which prove beyond doubt that truth really is stranger than fiction. The story of the voyage of the "Praga" and of her subsequent adventures and the adventures of those on board of her and those who, in the course of her trip, went on board of her and came off again, would have to begin at a spot some fifteen miles below Hamburg where, in the late autumn of 1927, there were loaded into her a huge consignment of rifles and other lethal weapons whose total marketable value in China was not less than one million sterling. The "Praga" is not a greyhound of the oceans, but simply a more or less well-found ship of 1,799 tons gross. Her engines, developing only 152 nominal horse-power, never, we believe, drove her through the seas at more than ten knots, while on the voyage in question the average would probably work out at something less than six. Eventually she cleared from the Elbe and put in at Antwerp, where, for some unknown reason, she remained for three weeks or so. While there, nothing of supreme importance

seems to have happened, the most interesting event connected with the ship being the visit one dark night of some Soviet agents who, after distributing golden guilders with a gratifying openhandedness, were permitted by some members of the crew to burst open one of the cases of rifles. The Soviet gentlemen had no felonious intent, however, for all they wanted to do, and all they did, was to secure a few waxen impressions of the makers' imprint on some of the rifles. What they wanted the imprints for is Moscow's business, and if Moscow does not know its own business, we should like to know which city in the world does. After leaving Antwerp, the "Praga" encountered dirty weather in the Channel and had to put into Portsmouth for shelter, leaving a few days later and getting to Gibraltar, and thence through the Mediterranean to Suez, without much trouble and certainly without much haste. We will say little more of the voyage from Suez to the Far East than that it took the "Praga" 56 days to reach Manila. She could never do more than seven knots, she had a very dirty bottom, she met very bad weather, her crew became disaffected and scurvy made its appearance, and generally it seems to have been a most undesirable sort of trip for those who made it. Add to these troubles the knowledge which was theirs that on arrival in China waters there was a danger of their being captured by warcraft of the Southern faction, and it will be realised that those on board the "Praga" were of too pleasant a nature. The master of the "Praga," after passing Singapore, decided to make Tsingtao his next stop if possible, though with the certain knowledge that Southern gunboats would be on the look-out for him he had to take a somewhat circuitous course. Again the ship encountered bad weather and eventually had to seek refuge at a Japanese Naval station in the Loochoos. He was very short of coal, but there was none to be had in the Loochoos, so he decided to make the attempt to reach Manila. He did so.

Now, it is the happenings when and after the "Praga" arrived at Manila that would form the real story. If it could be written in full it would tell of the arrival there of a Kuomintang agent whom we refer to as the Enigma. A British subject, how and when he came to arrive at Manila at this particular point would not be part of the story. There would be an account of a meeting of the Kuomintang branch at Manila, and the calling of the Enigma into consultation as to the best and surest means of obtaining the "Praga" and her cargo for the Nationalists. Then there would be an account of the alternatives which were discussed. The Enigma, having been on board the "Praga" and made himself fairly well acquainted with her construction and internal arrangements, suggested that he himself should travel on her as a passenger (he had already arranged provisionally for a passage to Tsingtao at a cost of £20) and destroy the ship by fire, which he asserted he could start in a small storeroom aft which was filled with paint, tins of kerosene and other combustibles. That was vetoed as being unwise, in that while it would probably prevent Chang Tso-lin getting the arms, it would also prevent the Nationalists, or other ways and means were devised. There were two other alternatives. One was to bribe the Captain and get him to take the ship to a pre-arranged point at the southernmost end of Formosa, where some southern gunboats would be in wait; the other was to substitute four members of the crew by four others who would be fully armed and who, claimed the Enigma, could and would easily seize the vessel, as there was only one person on board from whom any resistance might be expected, and in the event of resistance on his part he could be dealt with quite easily.

The attempt to bribe the Captain was not as successful as anticipated, so recourse was had to the alternative, the substituting of four members of the crew and at the same time, delaying the vessel's sailing. The steps that were taken showed that the Enigma, besides having energy and initiative, had also knowledge of human nature. Here was a ship fifty-six days from Suez, with disaffection rife among the crew, who had seen practically none but themselves during that time. He made a pact with two Gentlemen of Manila, who in turn secured the services of one Lady at least whose personal charm was, and probably is, far in excess of her moral virtue; and this lady with some of her kind encountered little resistance to their blandishments from some members of the crew of the "Praga" who went ashore in sampans. The story of the "Praga" if written, would not necessarily go into details at this juncture, though it would probably

MARINE COURT.

JAPANESE STEERSMAN FINED.

Before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court on Saturday morning, one case was heard against a steersman of a Japanese motor boat "Kashimu" of Formosa, charged by Lance Sergeant Bowers of the Water Police, for unlawfully mooring his vessel in the Southern Fairway thereby causing an obstruction on the 9th inst. On being questioned the accused stated that he was not aware that he was causing an obstruction, so the Magistrate let the offender "off" lightly by imposing a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

TOKUSHIMA MARU Friday, 16th March.

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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

HAKATA MARU Tuesday, 10th April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAEBASHI MARU Monday, 26th March.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

LIMA MARU Thursday, 12th April.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrival of vessels to the Colony in the time under review, as recorded at the Harbour Office this morning, includes in a list of 15 arrivals, 3 British vessels; 4 American; 3 Japanese and Chinese; 2 Norwegian, 1 German, and 1 Dutch being included in the list.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above 15 vessels totals 10,241 tons, to which amount the 9 British steamers contribute 1,840 tons.

Cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, amounts to a creditable total of 14,433 tons, 2,641 tons are being carried by the British vessels.

With regard to the above figures, the best return for to-day, recorded by one vessel for cargo imported to Hong Kong was shown by the s.s. "Tone Maru" from Milke—Messrs. M. B.K.—4,000 tons coal.

The highest figure registered for cargo being shipped through Hong Kong for ports beyond, was recorded by the s.s. "Coblenz" from Shanghai—Messrs. Melchers & Co.—3,500 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong in the time under review by the above vessels totals 1,482 persons which include 1,368 Asiatic deck; 32 Asiatic cabin; 82 European cabin.

Departures.

11 departures have been recorded at the Harbour Office, as leaving the Colony for ports beyond. Clearances from Hong Kong totals 4 vessels.

Notice has been given by the Marine Department of the Chinese Maritime Customs that, owing to erosion of the river bank, Vine Point Light-beacon (in the Shanghai district) has been moved. From the new position of the beacon Langshan Pagoda bears N. 70 deg. E., magnetic, distant 7.7 cables. The chart affected is Marine Department Chart No. 8.

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WEST RIVER STEAMER.

Later accounts (from Chinese sources) regarding the piracy of the s.s. "Hoi Chung," the Wuchow river boat flying the Chinese flag, which was reported to have been passed by the s.s. "Taiming" on Friday subsequent to its looting by pirates, indicates that eight members of the crew, including the acting-captain, have been kidnapped.

It appears that the Chinese gunboat which proceeded to the spot immediately on the report being made by the "Taiming" detained two sampans, with their occupants who are believed to have been engaged in removing the cargo. The rest of the pirates appear to have escaped inland with about a third of the cargo, which consisted of 2,400 sacks of rice, 620 packages of sundry goods, 300 sacks of flour and a quantity of iron goods.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers for Hong Kong on the "President Polk," arrived from New York via Panama, San Francisco via Japan and Shanghai were:

Mr. A. C. Aubry, Shanghai, China; Mr. J. G. Lyon-Brown, Kirkcaldy, Scotland; Mr. Chen You, Hong Kong, China; Mr. Hou, Hong Kong, China; Miss H. Page, Shanghai, China; Mr. Shen Peng-fei, Canton, China; Mr. Sheung Chow-sun, Canton, China; Mr. Tai Chit-tao, Canton, China.

First-class passengers arrived at Hong Kong by the "President Jefferson" from Manila on March 10, 1928:

Miss P. Arago, Miss Pacita and Miss L. Arago, Mr. L. Arago, Mrs. E. Arago, Mrs. H. Arago, Rev. C. Alonzo, the Misses C. Miss O. and Miss R. Chancateque, Mr. D. C. Chuan, Mr. W. E. Davies, Mrs. S. E. Davies, Mrs. P. O. de Escano, Rev. A. Garcia, Mr. H. H. Hazelwood, Mrs. G. A. and Miss J. L. Harrell, Mr. R. A. Kreulen, Miss E. Lim, Mr. Lim Tong-pin, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Malcampo, Miss C. Ozamiz, Miss E. Ogilvie, Mrs. H. B. and Miss F. Ross, Mr. J. Riu, Mrs. A. L. de San Pedro, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wright.

DEPARTURES.

The following passengers left Hong Kong per s.s. "Atsuta Maru" for London via ports on Saturday:

Mrs. S. C. Wong, Mr. McCullum, Mr. Chang Chu Lim, Mr. and Mrs. K. Furuno, Mr. Y. Okada, Mr. U. Suzuki, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Tjohoe Kwie, Mr. S. Nezu, Mr. M. Wade, Mrs. W. S. Wong, Miss M. S. Fung, Mrs. F. Niemo, Miss A. Niemo, Mr. S. Kawai, Mrs. Pak Wong Sze, Miss Pak, Mr. I. Hart, Mr. R. H. Clowes, Capt. F. A. Eustace, Mrs. E. B. Eustace, Miss N. S. Freeman, Master A. R. Eustace, Miss M. B. Eustace, Mr. T. Terai, Mr. M. Yoshii, Mr. Y. Yano, Mr. G. Uehara, Mr. Itoh, Mr. T. Ohtsuka, Mr. Gastaldi, Mr. K. Suehiro, Mr. S. Takada, Mr. T. Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Sawayama, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lee, Mrs. Gastaldi, Mrs. A. G. Raitt, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mr. R. Takakusu, Mr. Y. Ozawa, Mr. and Mrs. H. Akaiwa, Mr. and Mrs. T. Suwa, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shimamori, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kondo, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheman, Mr. W. Stopano, Mr. T. Hayashi, Mr. T. Fumoto, Mr. G. F. Towers, Mr. H. Sakai, Mr. Y. Ogura, Mr. K. Endo, Mr. T. Takeuchi, Mr. J. F. Blake, Mr. Mario de Rosa Duque, Mr. E. Kaschukoff, Mr. S. Kazita, Mr. T. Agata, Mr. M. Yoshida, Mr. T. Nakamura, Mr. K. Kitagawa, Mr. K. Kano, Mr. U. Nakarani, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bertram.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall, Petersfield, Iroquois, Sirdar and Robin; South Wall Basin, Moth; East Wall Basin; Gunboats and Subs.; North Arm, Cornflower, Bluebell and Subs.; West Wall Dock, Foxglove and Sonnet; In Dock, Ambrose, Onslaught and Alliance; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 2, Magnolia; Buoy 3, Herald; Buoy 5, Cumberland; Buoy 6, Vindictive; Buoy 7, Titania and Subs.; Buoy 8, Carlisle; Buoy 9, Tarantula; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 19, Scarpia; Buoy 20, Stormcloud; Buoy 22, Thracian; Buoy 23, Sterling; Buoy 25, Kharki; Buoy 27, Marzouk; Kowloon Anchorage, Belgol, Francel and Fortol; Foreign Men-of-War, U.S.S. Ashville, Portuguese, Pero de Alenquer, Italian, Sebastiano, Cubito, French, Argus and Bellatrix.

ON THE COAST.

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

LATEST MOVES.

Mr. E. J. Thomas, chief officer, "Changsha," is on reserve. Mr. E. Williams, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yingchow." Mr. B. C. Finch, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Sochow." Mr. R. T. Maddison, second engineer, "Wuchang," has gone second engineer, "Kiating."

Mr. P. H. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Wuchang." Mr. J. F. Wylie, chief engineer, "Sochow," is on reserve. Mr. J. MacGillivray, sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief engineer, "Sochow."

Mr. R. W. McL. Russell, second engineer, "Ninghai," has gone second engineer, "Hsin Peking." Mr. W. Kerr, chief engineer, "Nanjing," has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. J. Baxter, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Nanjing." Mr. R. H. McLean, sup'y third engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone acting second engineer, "Ninghai."

Mr. E. G. Woodford, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Leesang."

Captain A. Dockwrey, from reserve, has gone sup'y master, "Foonshing."

Mr. C. Kemmitt has been appointed sup'y second officer, "Loongwo."

Captain A. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone master, "Yatshing."

Captain D. R. Kilbee, of the "Yatshing," is on reserve.

Mr. A. C. Smith, second officer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. W. Draney, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. D. Smith, chief engineer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. A. J. Begley, chief engineer, "Fausang," has gone chief engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. G. T. Staffachuk has been appointed sup'y third engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. S. E. McKinley, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Foonshing."

Mr. J. Rennie, chief engineer, "Foonshing," is on reserve.

Mr. D. W. Pollock, sup'y third engineer, "Tuckwo," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Hopsang."

Mr. C. McAllister, second officer, "Keping," is on reserve.

"Shipping and Engineering."

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on February 25, and is due here on March 15.

The P. & O. "Nagore" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 4 p.m., and is due here on March 16 at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on March 16 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on March 7 at 4 p.m. left Yokohama on Feb. 8 at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on March 15 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on March 17 at 5 p.m.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

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 BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Tuesday, 20th April.
 INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) Tuesday, 20th April.
 DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZAMBIAH AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Saturday, 31st March.
 CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Sunday, 25th March.
 SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 28th April.
 VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 20th March.
 HAIKOW MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 20th March.
 MENADO MARU Tuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
 JAPAN PORTS

AMUR MARU Saturday, 17th March.
 SUMATRA MARU Saturday, 17th March.
 SOURABAYA MARU Wednesday, 28th March.

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 KAKO MARU Sunday, 18th Mar. 11 a.m.
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MANTUA	29,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
*KAPORE	16,583	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,863	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
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DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
INOVARA	9,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	10,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	30th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
*NANKIN	7,053	14th July	Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	10,610	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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SANTHA	7,764	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*LAHORE	5,282	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	5,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
MOREA	10,863	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*JEYPORE	5,318	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,005	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,980	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,000	30th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*NOVARA	9,989	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NANKIN	7,053	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	10,610	21st June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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ARMS FOR CHINA.

ACTION BY DIPLOMATIC BODY.

MESSAGE TO GOVERNMENTS.

Peking, Saturday.

At a meeting of the Diplomatic Body it was decided to telegraph the following to the various Governments: "In view of the continued internal wars in China which are now practically spread over the whole country and with the view of making the Arms Embargo of 1919 more effective foreign Diplomatic representatives once more draw the attention of their respective Governments to the importance of that agreement and of prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition from or through their territories to China. They therefore express the conviction that those Powers who have not taken any measures in this respect should be induced to do so as soon as possible."

The arms embargo telegram was signed by the entire Diplomatic Body regardless of whether their Governments were party to the Arms Embargo of 1919.

Czechoslovakia is a member of the Diplomatic Body and has not, therefore, participated. However, it is believed in Legation circles that they and also Russia will be approached and asked to subscribe to the Embargo Agreement.—Reuter.

American Reply.

Washington, Yesterday.
In connection with the request of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking for stricter observance of the embargo on the export of arms and ammunition to China the State Department declare that the United States has been faithfully carrying out the agreement and point out that Pres. Harding's proclamation of 1922 is still effective.—Reuter's American Service.

IRAQ REVOLT.

PARTIES LANDED FROM GUNBOATS.

PILOT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Basra, Saturday.
It appears that the disturbances on the South-west frontier of Iraq are more serious than ordinary tribal feuds but thanks to the Air Force operations, which are now being carried far into the desert, and to the settled population of the country not yet retreating, there is no sign of apprehension in the towns.

A few Indian troops recently moved towards Shaibah but the Iraq army remains in barracks. The casualties include an Air Force pilot whose machine was shot down. He managed to set fire to it before he himself was shot.

Another pilot whose machine was shot down jumped into a rescuing aeroplane and was carried off to safety. The cruiser "Emerald," the sloop "Croesus" and the vessel "Triad" have landed parties.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE REPORT.

Shanghai, Saturday.
The semi-official Japanese news agency, "Toho," issues a telegram from its Hong Kong correspondent saying it is rumoured that the British authorities in Hong Kong may loan the Canton Government £7,000,000 to complete the Hukuang Railway.—Reuter.

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London, Yesterday.
The "Morning Post" learns that the Admiralty has placed the contract to tow the great floating dock for the Singapore base from England to Singapore with the Dutch firm of Smit Company, Rotterdam.

Mr. Swan, managing director of Swan, Hunter and Richardson, interviewed, said that Smit's was only the firm in the world capable of undertaking the contract at a reasonable price.—Reuter.

SHAFORCE K.C.B.

GENERAL DUNCAN CHATS WITH KING.

London, Saturday.
The King at Buckingham Palace conferred on Major General Duncan the insignia of the K.C.B. His Majesty received Gen. Duncan very cordially and chatted for a quarter of an hour on the situation in China, particularly in Shanghai.—Reuter.

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PARTY ARRIVES AT LAHORE.

Lahore, Yesterday.
The Simon Commission has arrived and received a cordial reception. They were entertained at a very successful "At Home," given by the Punjab chiefs at the residence of Sir Zulfikar Ali Khan, the representative of the Eastern Punjab Moslems in the Indian Legislature. A thousand persons were invited including the Governor, Sir Malcolm Bailey and Lady Bailey, ministers and judges, Punjab councillors, members of the Chambers of Commerce, and trade associations. A party held a demonstration at the Railway Station on the arrival of the Commission, when black flags and placards with the inscription "Simon go back" were displayed.

Subsequently, party demonstrators attacked the house of Mr. Lalala Chandas, a popular figure who had opposed the hartal. Police dispersed the crowd. Three inmates of the house and one demonstrator were injured, but not seriously.—Reuter.

BRAZIL DISASTER.

300 LIVES LOST IN EARTH FALL.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.
A telegram from Santos states that 300 persons have been killed or crushed in their houses under millions of tons of earth caused by a subsidence at Mount Montserrat. It is believed that over 200 persons were killed in the disaster at Santos. Two thousand troops are working feverishly to clear the ruins.—Reuter's American Service.

U. S. CONSTITUTION.

"LAME DUCK" AMENDMENT REJECTED.

Washington, Saturday.
The House of Representatives has rejected the proposed amendment to the Constitution abolishing the so-called "Lame Duck" Sessions and changing the presidential inaugural date.

[Note: The "lame duck" session is the short session interval between the election of the President in November and his assumption of Office in March when real legislative activities are necessarily suspended.]—Reuter's American Service.

OIL WORKS AFIRE.

Midland, (Texas), Yesterday.
Lightning started a terrific blaze in a barrel tank at the Magnolia Petroleum Company's works. In order to prevent the destruction of the whole of the refinery a 3-inch gun was fired at the other four tanks at close range. Forty shots sufficed to drain off the tanks. The only casualties were to a man who was severely burned. There was a premature explosion of ammunition, two persons being slightly injured.—Reuter's American Service.



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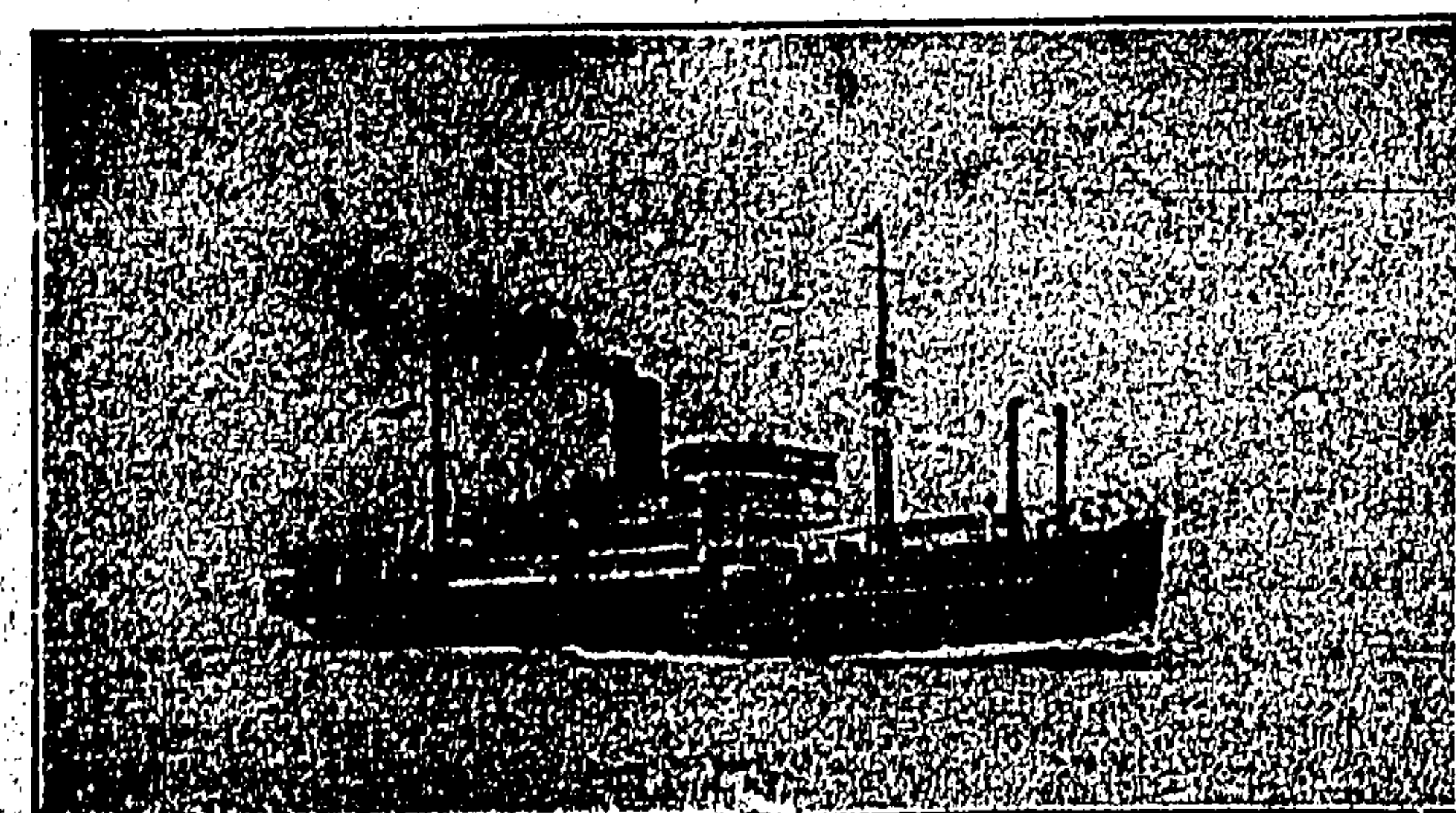
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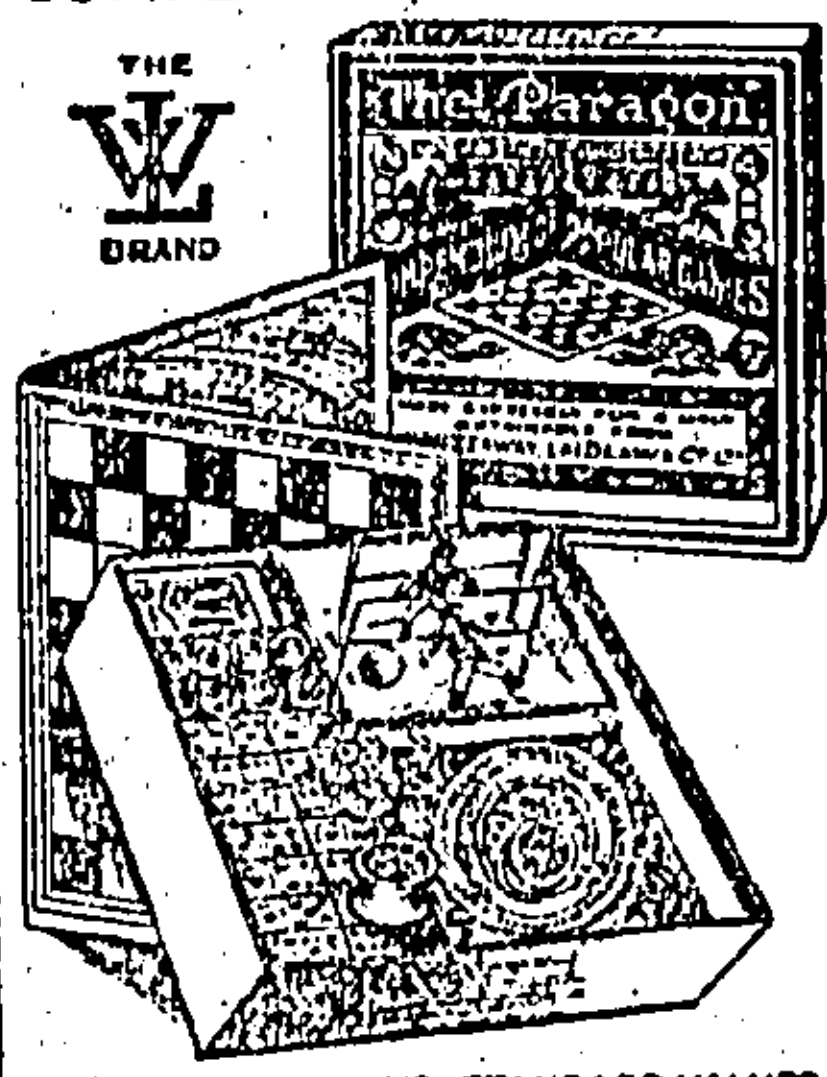
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DEATH.

DANBY.—On March 8 at Bath,
Lucy, widow of William Danby,
formerly of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Monday, March 12, 1928.

GETTING TOGETHER.

The interchange of official
visits between Hong Kong and
Canton has now drawn to a suc-
cessful conclusion and in both
centres complete confidence may
be said to reign. It may be taken
for granted that the Colonial
authorities will do all in their
power to maintain this confidence
and it is trusted that Canton will
do likewise. On the face of
things, there is no reason why
any doubt should be cast upon the
latter's bona fides. Marshal Li
Chai-sum, as the official visits
have emphasised, is firmly estab-
lished as head of the Canton ad-
ministration and has adequate
control in the Kwang Provinces.
That he is a man for whom regard
is felt in Chinese official circles
was fully proved by the manner in
which he immediately resumed
power after the recent Red
debacle. The only thing that
would shake confidence in
him would be any decision on
his part to relinquish active com-
mand in Canton, however tempo-
rary. He has shown that he is
much more than a figurehead;
that he is, in fact, a capable ad-
ministrator, and whilst he is at
the head of affairs it is generally
agreed that he will go well in re-
gard to the relations between
the two ports.

It is not more than
anything else in connection with

the official visits which have
taken place during the past fort-
night is the fact that, after the
formal and informal interchange
of courtesies and after the lavish
entertainment H.E. the Governor,
at the last function, which was
the dinner given by the merchants
of Canton, got down to "brass
tacks." Directly and helpfully
he suggested in which directions
Canton and Hong Kong could help
each other. He spoke impromptu
but he obviously had his points in
his head as well as in his heart.
For not only was his speech direct
and helpful; it was also impres-
sive and effective. More-
over, it was successful. Sir
Cecil's main points—the loop
line linking the local railway with
the Canton-Hankow Line (and in-
cidentally the completion of the
latter, thus bringing the Colony in
direct communication with the
rich areas of Central China); a
branch line of the Kowloon-Canton
Railway to Whampoa, in order
to develop that port to its fullest
possibilities; commercial aviation
between the Colony and Canton;
river conservancy and mutually-
satisfactory radio facilities—were
not exactly new ones.

Some of them, as was
indicated in these columns last
Monday, received attention at the
conference between H.E. the Gov-
ernor and Marshal Li Chai-sum
which was held at Government
House on the occasion of the Mar-
shal's visit and were no doubt also
considered at the corresponding
conference in Canton on Saturday.
Two of them, we understand, have
already captured the imagination
of the Chinese in Canton official
circles. These are radio communi-
cation and commercial aviation.
In regard to the former, it is
satisfactory to learn that the
question of wireless facilities is to
be taken up forthwith, and
that local experts are pro-
ceeding to Canton to-morrow
to talk the matter over
with the Chinese authorities. In
regard to the latter, great en-
thusiasm has been evidenced in
the Southern capital in aviation
since the days of Sun Yat-sen,
who possessed a fair-sized fleet of
machines and had a dozen or so
American-trained instructors at-
tached to his forces. It only re-
quires, we consider, the submi-
sion of a businesslike plan for the
realisation of Sir Cecil's hopes of
an efficient air service between the
two ports, a service which could
be linked with those contemplated
to serve other countries beyond
China.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUT OF THE USUAL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Regarding the article in
your paper entitled "Out of the
Usual," which appeared on Friday
last—I consider that the thanks of
all cinema lovers in the Colony
should go out to you for this
criticism of a really moving picture.
It is gratifying to know that when
a really good film comes here the
fact is brought to the notice of the
public other than through the usual
advertisement channels, interesting
and informing as they are.

Yours, etc.,

FILM LOVER.

Hong Kong, March 11, '28.

FROM LADY HAIG.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I wish to express to all who
since my dear husband's unexpected
death, have shown in so many ways
their respect and affection for him,
and their deep sympathy with my
family and me, my very grateful
thanks.

I have received so many messages
from all over the world that I can-
not hope to reply to them all just
now. But I have myself opened
and read every one. They have
filled me with a sense of pride, in
the love which my husband was
able to inspire in his fellow-coun-
trymen and women, which lightens
the burden of my grief as nothing
else could do.

Especially do I wish to thank all
members of the British Legion,
men and women, for their kind mes-
sages, and for the magnificent proof
of their affection and esteem for
their lost leader afforded by their
disciplined and sorrowing ranks.

My very grateful thanks for
sympathy most generously expressed
by word or deed are given, also,
to His Majesty's Ministers and
Leaders of Opposition both at home
and Overseas; to the distinguished
representatives of other nations,
who personally attended the fun-
eral of my beloved husband or by
letter or telegram paid tribute to
his memory; to the Universities,
Cities, Municipalities and Liveries
of the Empire; to the Officers Com-
manding His Majesty's Naval,
Military and Air Forces; to the
British, French and Belgian units
that took part in last Friday's cere-
monial; to the Police; to the Brit-
ish Empire Service League and the
ex-service Men's Associations in
the Dominions and Colonies, and to
many other organisations and so-
cieties at home and abroad.

The honour paid to the life and
character of my dear husband by
the clergy and ministers of the
Churches, and especially by those
who officiated at the funeral ser-
vices in London and in Scotland,
have touched and comforted me.
It was by his expressed wish that
my husband has been laid to rest
in Scottish soil, close to the home
of his fathers. His wish alone was
my reason for refusing on his be-
half the great honour of burial in
St. Paul's Cathedral. I feel that
no one who knew his love for the
land that bore him will grudge him
the realisation of his desire.

I am most grateful to the mem-
bers of the Press for their articles
and memoirs, and also for their
consideration towards myself in
this time of grief.

My husband's personal friends
and mine will not need any assur-
ance from me to convince them
of my gratitude for their sympathy
in a sorrow which they share.

Finally, I thank from my heart
all those who sent wreaths and
flowers and all members of the
general public who in London,
Edinburgh and elsewhere met to-
gether to honour my husband.
Particularly do I thank them for
having chosen as emblem of their
mourning, that same Flanders
Poppy which is sacred to the
memory of those old comrades
whose ranks he has rejoined.

To the members of the British
Legion I would give, besides my
thanks, a message which is in truth
my husband's message, for by it
he lived and died.

Carry on with the work of the
Legion. Hold fast to the objectives
embodied in its Charter. The work
so well begun is not yet ended.
Carry it on steadfastly as did my
husband, seeking till life's very
end the ideals he sought to teach.
May his memory inspire us to
follow his example and to cherish
as faithfully as he did the same
simple, true and honest virtues—
good will, good fellowship, good
citizenship, loyalty, to King and
Country, patriotism, pride in the
high traditions of our race and
land, and above all, comradeship.

DOROTHY HAIG.

MACAO RACES.

SIXTH EXTRA MEETING YESTERDAY.

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Many Hong Kong turfites made
the trip to Macao yesterday for
the Macao Race Club's sixth extra
race meeting, which was the first
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a record.

Racing honours were very even-
ly distributed. "Winner" divid-
ends on the tote were pleasing but
the favourites monopolised matters
in the "places."

Ordinary cash sweep tickets
have been raised to \$3 each, bring-
ing larger prizes.

Arrangements have been improv-
ed to a high degree and it is
understood that a special stand for
children and their attendants is to
be erected.

Jockeys from Hong Kong did very
well. Results:—

1.—The Sun Nien Plate.— $\frac{3}{4}$
Mile.
Mr. S. W. Cheng's Wuchang
(Mr. Y. M. Loo) 1
Mr. Hau Un's Little Sit Tang
(Mr. G. Roza) 2
Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship
(Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran: Chin Shan (Mr. Reidy),
Glenmerin (Mr. Liang), Watchow
(Mr. Charles).
Time: 1.32.4/5; 5 lengths, 3
lengths.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$23.20,
Places \$5.50, \$5.90.
Cash Sweeps: No. 67—\$83.70;
No. 42—\$24.00; No. 38—\$12.00.

2.—The Chun Chit Plate.— $\frac{1}{2}$
Mile.
Mr. Hee Cheong's Man-o-War
(Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Special's Valour
(Mr. Proulx) 2
Mr. Yam Man's Cherry Brandy
(Mr. Y. M. Loo) 3

Also ran: Hailo (Mr. Wong),
Ching Hoi (Mr. Usher), Lucky
Star (Mr. Harriman), Fir Dee (Mr.
Clark).
Time: 1.01.2/5; 3 lengths, 1
length.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$18.30,
Places \$5.40, \$6.70, \$5.50.
Cash Sweeps: No. 116—\$181.50;
No. 75—\$51.80; No. 32—\$25.90.

3.—The Sun Chun Plate.—7 Fur-
longs.
Mr. Union's Fook Shau
(Mr. Clark) 1
Mr. Chin Lee's Wing Sin
(Mr. Wong) 2
Mr. S. W. Cheng's Pitchfork
(Mr. Proulx) 3

Also ran: Galopin (Mr. Charles),
Time: 1.59; $\frac{3}{4}$ length, many
lengths.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.60,
Places \$5.10, \$5.20.
Cash Sweeps: No. 92—\$235.20;
No. 12—\$67.20; No. 78—\$33.60.

4.—The Li Chun Plate.—1 Mile.
Mr. Recreation's Wild Fellow
(Mr. Wong) 1
Mr. K. H.'s Chemo
(Mr. G. Roza) 2
Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Tze
Lon (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 3

Also ran: Warrington (Mr.
Usher), Gold Medal (Mr. Reidy),
Ullswater (Mr. Charles), Diana
(Mr. Harriman).
Time: 2.10.4/5; neck, 2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$11.20,
Places \$5.90, \$5.50, \$9.30.

Cash Sweeps: No. 163—\$258.60;
No. 89—\$74; No. 42—\$37.

5.—The Chun Fun Plate.—Once
Round.
Mr. S. W. Hee's Ching Hoi
(Mr. Clark) 1
H.E. the Governor's Velox
(Mr. Wong) 2
Mr. Yam Man's May
(Mr. Harriman) 3

Also ran: Six Hundred (Mr.
Proulx), Kwongchow (Mr. Y. M.
Loo), Little Darling (Mr. Liang),
Hailo (Mr. G. Roza).
Time: 2.04.1/5; short head, 3
lengths.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$121.40,
Places \$8.50, \$6.10, \$5.40.
Cash Sweeps: No. 172—\$302.70;
No. 79—\$86.60; No. 186—\$43.30.

6.—The Yuen Siu Plate.—9 Fur-
longs.
Mr. Tang's Sutherland
(Mr. Harriman) 1
Mr. R. G.'s Glenmerin
(Mr. Clark) 2
Mr. P. N. Cheng's Fir Dee
(Proulx) 3

Also ran: Lucky Star (Mr.
Reidy), Tap Sinc (Mr. Charles).
Time: 2.36.2/5; 4 lengths many
lengths.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$15.90,
Places \$8.30, \$9.50.
Cash Sweeps: No. 179—\$308.70;
No. 176—\$88.20; No. 91—\$44.10.

7.—The Shang Yuen Plate.— $\frac{1}{4}$
Mile.
Mr. Luen Yick's Ma Kau Sinc
(Mr. G. Roza) 1
Mr. K. H.'s Chemo
(Mr. Usher) 2

Mr. S. W. Cheng's Wuchang
(Mr. Charles) 3
Also ran: U-Un-II (Mr. Wong),
Tarzan (Mr. Reidy), Warlordship
(Mr. Y. M. Loo), Cherry Brandy
(Mr. Proulx).
Time: 2.46.3/5; 2 lengths, $\frac{3}{4}$
length.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$10.40,
Places \$5.70, \$6.20, \$15.20.
Cash Sweeps: No. 38—\$323.40;
No. 46—\$92.40; No. 47—\$48.20.

8.—The Ching Ming Plate.— $\frac{1}{2}$
Mile.
Mr. S. W. Cheng's Wuchang
(Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Hau Un's Little Sit Tang
(Mr. G. Roza) 2
Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship
(Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran: Diana (Mr. G. Roza),
Tap Sinc (Mr. Clark), Six Hundred
(Mr. Roza), Watchow (Mr. Har-
riman).
Time: 1.10.3/5; 1 length, 3
lengths.

Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.70,
Places \$5.88, \$101.00, \$8.30.
Cash Sweeps: No. 165—\$304; No.
109—\$97.20; No. 178—\$42.00.

THE REASON WHY.

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No Secret.
Each time that General Wong
Shiu-hung has directed operations
in Kwangtung, he did what he
was asked and nothing more.
People got to wondering that he
was willing, as it seemed, to do
all the spade work and get none
of the glory. There is no secret
about this.

The officials and military
officers at present constituting
the Government of Kwangtung
province are all conscientious
men. It can actually be said
that "squeeze" is very much at
a discount and is non-existent
in the highest circles.

Most of the Generals, Ministers
and Commissioners are compara-
tively young men, the majority
under forty years of age, some
under thirty-five and a few under
thirty.

Blend of New and Old.
Both among the civilian
element and the Services, there is
a blend of returned students—
men who have received their
training abroad. The number of
young officials is apt to be sur-
prising but these lack nothing in
brains and steadfastness, and
there is a percentage of men
trained in China to provide the
other side of the combination of
new and old.

Next to Marshal Li in the Can-
tonese armies is General Chan
Ming-shu who is a native of
Kwangtung. When he returned
to Canton after fighting all the
way back from Fukien province,
the position of chairman of the
Provincial Government was offered
to him insistently but he pre-
fers to remain a General and to
leave the post in Marshal Li's
hands.

"We Have Faith."
To cope with the recent finan-
cial crisis, the Government is
withholding all paper money re-
ceived by the Treasury. A per-
centage of taxes must be paid in
banknotes. Whatever is set
aside (to reduce the inflation) is
put in reserve under the active
control of the merchants' rep-
resentatives who see that each note
is marked and they then take
charge of the vault.

As some of the hosts at the
Chamber of Commerce's dinner
to H.E. the Governor said, Canton
trade is like a man who has been
chronically ill but who is now
convalescent. "We are like lay-
men who know nothing of medi-
cal practice; but we have suf-
ficient confidence in our physi-
cian and if he calls in a famous
consultant we also have faith in
him although what he does is be-
yond our means of comprehen-
sion."

Best of Humour.
If Canton had been a city of
the Occident, some of the people
might have resented the precau-
tionary measures adopted during
Sir Cecil Clement's visit. The
crowds in the streets stood in
thousands just to catch a glimpse
of passing motor-cars and they
stayed up till midnight and were
in the best of humour even if
some of them were pushed back
by the crowds.

What foreigners may consider
to be infringement of the liberty
of the individual was gladly put
up with in Canton—the masses
had heard of the wonderful way
in which Hong Kong had received
Marshal Li Chai-sum and of the
vigilance maintained to protect
his person. An honour to Marshal
Li was also an honour to the Can-
tonese, they thought, and to all
Chinese.

Hong Kong's Goodwill.
H.E. the Governor was right in
saying that there has been some
misunderstanding in connection
with the project of the loop-line
railway. But his declaration that
Hong Kong will do its utmost to
assist in the development of
Whampoa as a port swept away
all misgivings and, in fact, came
as a total surprise. It is not
exaggerating to say that every-
body in Canton is talking about
the words of H.E. the Governor,
especially on Whampoa. They do
not yet know why Whampoa's
progress will benefit Canton and
Hong Kong, but because they
have faith in the Government,
they also believe in Hong
Kong's goodwill.

"If you keep looking at me like
that I'm going to kiss you."
"Well, I can't hold this expres-
sion much longer."

Messrs. Crabbe & Usher's War-
rington (Mr. Usher) 1
Mr. Cheng Kwok-on's Ullswater
(Mr. Proulx) 2
Mr. Cheuk-suen Lo's U-Un II
(Mr. Wong) 3
Also ran: Diana (Mr. G. Roza),
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GETTING TOGETHER.

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The Liang Kwang provinces will do the same. So I ask you to drink with me to the prosperity of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, to continued and increasing co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton, and to the welfare of the merchants both of Canton and of Hong Kong. (Applause).

TOUR CONCLUDED.

Formal Departure From Canton Yesterday.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING.

Canton, Sunday. Fine weather prevailed throughout the remarkably successful and impressive visit of H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong and his staff.

This morning, the distinguished guests were given an official send-off from Government Pier on the Central Bund. Marshal Li Chai-sum and all the high officials and leading merchants were present to pay their respects and bid their friends bon voyage.

The guard of honour and brass band were again on duty and arrangements were identical with the landing on Friday. General Wong Shiu-hung, chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, was present yesterday and Mr. J. P. Brennan, C.M.G. (British Consul-General) also attended.

Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Lady Clementi, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Captain A. J. E. Whyte, A.D.C., Captain P. Perfect, A.D.C., and Captain B. T. Forster, Private Secretary, were escorted from the British legation at Shumeng to the Pier where, after His Excellency had bidden goodbye to those present, the party embarked on the Naval motor-tender "Nam Keung," which was appropriately decorated for the occasion, to rejoin H.M.S. "Tarantula" to sail for Hong Kong.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., left this morning on the China Navigation Co.'s "Fat-shan."

Chinese merchants of Hong Kong awaited His Excellency's return at Queen's Pier. Among those noticed were Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Tang Shu-kin (chairman of Tuen Wah Hospital board), Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tam Woon-tong, Mr. Ma Chui-chiu, Mr. Leung Pat-yu, Mr. T. N. Chau.

GOVERNOR'S THANKS.

Canton's Courteous Welcome, Appreciated.

The following telegrams of thanks were despatched on behalf of Sir Cecil Clementi's party when His Excellency returned from Canton yesterday morning:

From Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. "Tarantula."

To Marshal Li Chai-sum, Canton:

Your kindness and hospitality have known no bounds and I am most grateful to Your Excellency, to Your Excellency's Government and to the people of Canton for this welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting Canton after so long an absence, and I look forward to many more pleasant meetings with Your Excellency. Please accept my wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the Liang Kwang Provinces.—Clementi.

From Lady Clementi in H.M.S. "Tarantula."

To Madame Li Chai-sum, Canton:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the courtesy and kindness which you have shown me during my delightful visit to Canton. All that I have seen has been most interesting, and the friendship evinced by you and all the ladies I have had the pleasure of meeting will always dwell in my mind. To Mrs. Li Man-yam especially I ask to be gratefully remembered.—Penelope Clementi.

Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. "Tarantula."

To Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Canton.

Please allow me to thank you most cordially for the elaborate and most pleasant arrangements made for my comfort and enjoyment during my visit to Canton. I feel that the heavy detailed work must largely have fallen upon you and I am most grateful. The interchange of visits, between Marshal Li and myself testifies to the solidarity of the mutual interests of Canton and Hong Kong and to the renewal of firm friendship between our two countries.—Clementi.

Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. "Tarantula."

To Mr. Lam Man-kai, Mayor of Canton.

Please allow me on my departure from Canton to thank you once more for your numerous courtesies and for the warmth of your

welcome. I much admired the municipal progress made in Canton since the days when I lived there myself, and I wish the municipality of Canton all success in its beneficent activities.—Clementi.

Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. "Tarantula."

To Mr. Wu Chung-tong, Chairman of the Canton Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

On my departure from Canton I wish again to express to you the pleasure which it gave me to meet the Canton Chamber of Commerce and to thank you for your hospitable welcome. May trade relations between Canton and Hong Kong become more and more intimate with every passing year; may there always be the friendliest co-operation between Chinese and British merchants in Kwangtung, and may the future be full of happiness and prosperity.—Clementi.

ON SATURDAY.

H.E. the Governor Visits Aerodrome.

After the lunch with the Mayor on Saturday, H.E. the Governor and staff were conducted by Mr. Chu Chao-hsin (Commissioner of Foreign Affairs) on a magnificent flower-boat to see the sights along the Pearl River.

On his own request, His Excellency landed at Tai-sha-tau Island off the east of Canton, to see the Government aerodrome and two aeroplanes which had landed shortly after going up for exercises. He had an interesting conversation with the aviators and was informed that the machines (excepting the engines) had been made in Canton.

On Saturday night, the visitors and Mr. J. P. Brennan, C.M.G. (British Consul-General) were guests of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at a Cantonese banquet, in the Chamber's premises.

To reach the Chamber, one had to leave the mules and walk up one of the narrow streets of the city, paved with granite blocks.

The entrance to the street was hidden by a lighted archway, and "Welcome" was written in Chinese and English, at intervals, on the street blocks all the way up to the Chamber which is an extensive old-world building of Canton.

The interior had been prettily decorated in lights, bunting and garlands for the occasion. About a hundred were present, including a sprinkling of officers and officials, representatives of all the other Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce. All of the members (there are only seventy-two merchant guilds each of which can only nominate one) were in attendance. Mr. Chu Chung-tong (acting chairman) presided.

MAYOR'S LUNCH.

H.E. As Former Citizen Of Canton.

30 YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

Canton, Saturday.

Mr. Lin Yuen-kai (Lum Wan-ko), the Mayor of Canton city, presided at a Chinese tiffin in the National Garden on the Central Bund.

All the high military and naval officers were present, together with the members of the civil administration. Supporting the Mayor were Mr. Henry A. Panhoe

(Commissioner of Public Works), Mr. Fung Wai (Commissioner of Public Utility), Mr. Chak Kok-wan (Commissioner of Education), Dr. Ho Chi-cheung (Commissioner of Public Health), Mr. Luk Yau-hong (Commissioner of Public Finance), General Tang Yin-wah (Commissioner of Police), Mr. Wong Tok-sing (Commissioner of the Land Office), Mr. Cheung Keng-fai and Mr. Tsao-chien Li (Lai Tsok-kam), secretaries to the Municipality, and Mr. Shum Ai (departmental director).

With H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. J. P. Brennan, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. M. Kotewall, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, Capt. P. Perfect, Capt. B. R. Forster, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin (Commissioner of Foreign Affairs) was in attendance on the guests.

THE MAYOR.

"Reawakening Our Old Friendship."

The Mayor said:

Your Excellency, our British guests and gentlemen—I take very great pleasure to say that His Excellency has done us an unusual honour in his gracious visit to this city. On behalf of the Municipal Government and the people of the city of Canton, I bid His Excellency a most cordial welcome. The Governor's honourable presence with us here to-day is not only a fountain of joy to me but also, I feel confident, an unbounded gladness to the inhabitants of this municipality.

His Excellency is a great official of Great Britain accredited to Hong Kong which is only at "a stone's throw" from Canton. Furthermore, His Excellency has studied in Canton for many years thus having a strong tie of friendship with the people of the city of Canton. On account of this relationship, the Governor's visit to this old place again affords us a golden opportunity of renewing our old friendship. To-day's gathering is, reunion of old but long departed friends, tantamount to a happy friends. Such a pleasure is indeed immeasurable as well as insurmountable. I believe that His Excellency must have in mind a similar kind of feelings and sentiments.

Two Great Ports. As regards Hong Kong and Canton, there are very close commercial relations. Speaking of their geographical conditions, they constitute two great, important, neighbouring ports of trade.

In evidence of their past history and recent events, it is very clear to us that in order to make these two important commercial ports prosperous and fully developed and to warrant security and happiness to the people of the two countries, the British Government and the Chinese Government must treat each other on a basis of equality and reciprocity. By so doing and so alone, sincere friendship will firmly be established. On one hand, we must provide means for the development of the commerce of Hong Kong and Canton; and on the other, we must promote the goodwill of the English and the Chinese people. In China, we have an old saying full of significance: "Those who are neighbours must render all friendly offices to one another in their going out and coming in and aid one another in keeping watch and ward." This principle may adequately be applied to Hong Kong and Canton.

Sincere Wishes.

In the midst of our gratitude and cheerfulness resulting from this delightful gathering, the people of Canton and I have many sincere wishes in connection with the Governor's present visit. In the first place, we wish that the cordial friendship existing between His Excellency and the people of this city will be increasingly strengthened. In the second place, we wish that His Excellency will come to understand China more thoroughly and judiciously. By this I mean what I have just uttered a moment ago, namely, to treat each other on a basis of equality and reciprocity, to accelerate the development of the commerce of Hong Kong and Canton, and firmly to establish Anglo-Chinese friendly relations.

Being aware of my own limitations as a speaker, I may be excused from proceeding any further. I hope His Excellency will favour me with kind instructions. In conclusion, I have the honour to ask you, Gentlemen, to bring to the health of His Excellency the Governor and his party, and to toast for the close Anglo-Chinese relations.

SIR C. CLEMENTI.

"City Fathers" of Canton.

His Excellency replied in English and the Hon. Dr. Kotewall interpreted. He said:

Mr. Mayor—I wish to thank Your Worship most cordially and through you the people of Canton for the splendid reception which have been given me. I thank you also for the magnificent repast with which you have just regaled me, in every way worthy of the most sumptuous traditions of municipal hospitality.

As one who has lived in Canton and been a citizen of the western suburb, it is a very special pleasure to me to be the guest of the Mayor of Canton. (Applause.) We in England call the Mayor and his Town Council the "City Fathers" and it is very evident that the "City Fathers" of Canton have behaved in a most parental manner towards the inhabitants of Canton.

Immense Progress.

I see around me signs of immense progress since the days when I lived in Kwoon Yin-fong. I remember what an effort it was for me to walk from Shumeng to that rather remote street in the western suburb. It took me the better part of an hour to get there on foot. Yesterday I drove there in a motor-car in next to no time, in every comfort and without a jolt, through wide streets, beautifully clean and with every sign of prosperity in the fine buildings all around.

Then I remember many years ago going by chair from Shumeng to visit the Viceroy in his yamen inside the city and I recall that it took me very nearly three-quarters of an hour to get there. To-day I went there in about a quarter of an hour in a luxurious motor-car.

The Old Days.

Again, as I drove back last night from Marshal Li's banquet, I came through streets well lit with electric lights flashing all around and fine illuminations. I can remember that when I lived in Kwoon Yin-fong I was glad to put a little wax dip in some coconut oil and use that as a general rule, while every now and then I

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Small Bachelor."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Tumbling River."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Demi Bride."

March 14—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."
March 15-17—World Theatre; "Stella Dallas."
March 18-14—Star Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

March 16-17—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."
March 15-17—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."
March 16-17—Star Theatre; "The Sap."

March 22—Musical at Helena May Institute.

March 25—Dance given by Club de Recreo, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
March 27—Dinner and Concert at Club Lusitano, 7.30 and 9.15 p.m. respectively.

March 13—H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI v. 3/15th Punjab, Marina Ground, 6 p.m.

March 14—Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI v. 3/15th Punjab, U.S.R.C. ground, 6.15 p.m.

March 17—Extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 19-23 Billiard matches, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lammerts' Auctions.

March 14—At 465, The Peak, Barker Rd., valuable Household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 14-15—Goods & Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of 13, Queen's-road Central, 10 a.m.

March 15—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 16—Thirteenth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co. Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 20—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldgs., noon.

March 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

March 21—Thirtieth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road, C.I., noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Treveson" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 15—Reception at Club Lusitano for Shanghai Billiardists, 5.30 p.m.

March 17—Annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College, by Mrs. E. Ralphs.

March 18—Inaugural ceremony of the opening of the first section of the Macao-Shekki-road.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders, 8 p.m.

Old Boy: I may be a prude, but I never dance when the lights are out.

Flapper: Neither do I.

Oh, here's to the flapper, good and kind,
Let's drink to her health in today.
She's nothing much upon her mind
And less upon her body.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE

MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first half will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each, up to Friday, 16th March, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the meeting.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

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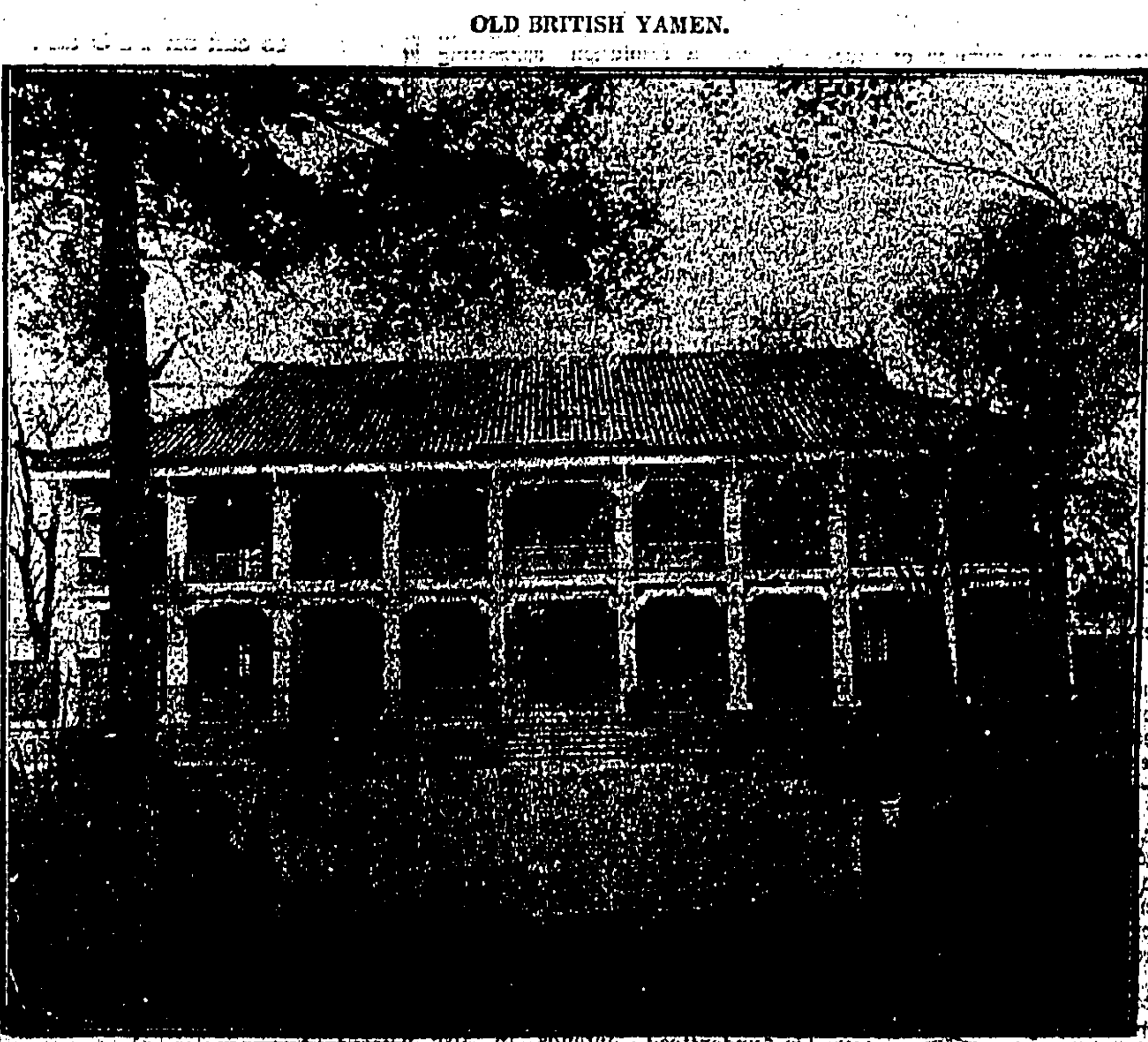
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New York, March 11.—President Coolidge has signed the Alien Property Act.—Reuter's American Service.

Dr. P. H. Winfield, of St. John's College, Cambridge, has been elected Rouse-Ball Professor of English Law at Cambridge.

Arrangements are being made for King Amanullah of Afghanistan to go down a coal-mine when he visits Manchester on March 27.

Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, is to act as his own pilot when making journeys of inspection to air clubs and civil aerodromes.

The official price of standard grade flour in the Home Counties has been reduced from 42s. 6d. to 42s. per 240 lbs., less 6d. to 1s. in the London district.

Harry Anderson, aged 55, a man of colour, who was admitted to the Wells Workhouse, Somerset, on January 26, has been found to be suffering from small-pox.

Thieves who broke into Holt Cottage, Kingston, Hill, Surrey, the residence of Dr. J. D. Clarke, took more than £40 in notes and cash as well as silver articles and other goods.

The Society of West End Theatre Managers is to urge the Home Secretary to introduce legislation to remove "the troublesome wartime restrictions in places of entertainment."

A notice issued by the Speaker and posted in various parts of the House of Commons reminds members that smoking and the carrying of lighted cigarettes and cigars in the lobbies and corridors are forbidden.

London, March 11.—Accompanied by her nurse the young Princess Yashimabet, daughter of Ras Tafari of Abyssinia, was presented to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace this morning.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wright, Miss E. Ogilvie, Mr. H. H. Hazelwood, Mr. W. E. Davies, the Rev. C. Alonzo and the Rev. A. Garcia were among the passengers who landed at Hong Kong to-day on the arrival of the "President Jefferson" from Manila.



General Chen Ming-chu, commander of the 11th Nationalist Army and the senior officer under Marshal Li Chai-sun, who was present at all the functions held in honour of the visit to Canton of H.E. the Governor.

The London Electric Railway Company has again submitted to Henden District Council a scheme in accordance with which tramway-cars passing along Finchley-road will cross the footpath and run direct into the Tube station yard at Golders Green, N.W.

A number of shopkeepers in Hammersmith, W., are anxious to see again the man who, posing as the driver of a broken down motor-lorry, persuaded them to buy several bottles of coloured water at 9s. per bottle on the plea that they were the last of his load of whisky.

Savernake Forest Estate Company has been registered as a private unlimited company with a nominal capital of £10,000 to acquire the life-interest of the Marquess of Alibury in the Alibury Family Estates, state Messrs. Jordan and Sons, Ltd., the Marquess of Alibury being governing director and chairman and the marchioness the only other director.

Through passengers on the "President Jefferson," which arrived this morning from Manila, include:—Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gillespie and Mr. H. A. Smith for Shanghai; Colonel C. H. Nance for Kobe; Mr. G. E. Reich and Mr. F. Deikhoff for Yokohama; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Krichel for Honolulu; Dr. and Mrs. L. Freeman, Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Hall for San Francisco; Bishop, and Mrs.

Paris, March 11.—The death is announced of M. Rean, the French Minister at Bangkok.—Reuter.

Middlesbrough Corporation employees are to be compulsorily retired on pension at the age of 65.

London, Yesterday.—The death occurred to-day of Dr. Chavasse, aged eighty-two, one time Bishop of Liverpool.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. Mo Shu-lun, left on Wednesday, for Shanghai by the "Empress of Russia," on account of bad health. He regrets that he had no time to say farewell to his many relatives and friends.

Passengers leaving Hong Kong on Saturday by the s.s. "Khiva" included:—Mrs. A. E. Jones and child, Mr. L. Marks, Mr. H. J. Edze, Mr. F. Powell, Mrs. J. T. Layton, Engr. Capt. G. E. Bartlett, Telegraphist J. Barrett.



Premier Mussolini, who, as reported on another page, has said the last word in regard to the Tyrol controversy with Austria.

"Plumb," the head waiter at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, for more than 25 years, who at such functions as the Beefsteak Dinner would appear in knee breeches and with his hair powdered, has died.

London, March 11.—The King has consented to become Patron-in-Chief of the British Empire Service League of which the Prince of Wales is Patron. The King will therefore be Patron-in-Chief of the ex-soldiers' organisation throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

Prince and Princess P. G. Capece Zucchi, who live in Paris, were on the round-the-world s.s. "President Polk" which passed through Hong Kong during the week-end. They are going to Marseilles. The "Polk" had many other passengers whose names are prominent in different parts of the world.

St. Peter's Church, Great Windmill-street, Piccadilly Circus, W., which was threatened with demolition, has been saved. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have abandoned the scheme to unite the benefice with St. James's, Piccadilly. More than 8,000 people signed a petition for the church's preservation.

A fairly large number of tourists, mostly Americans were in Hong Kong during the week-end. They came on the "President Polk" which is in the Dollar round-the-world service. The travellers went sight-seeing and shopping together in accordance with the plans of a conducted tour and continued their voyage westward via Manila and Singapore.

London, Saturday.—When the King and Queen of Afghanistan, who will be accompanied from Dover by the Prince of Wales, reach Victoria Station on Tuesday afternoon and are met by King George and Queen Mary, they will be escorted to Buckingham Palace by a brilliant cavalcade. The two Kings will ride in the first carriage and in the second will be the two Queens.

The China International Famine Relief Commission, Peking, has received from their Shantung committee at Tsinanfu, the following:—The Yellow River broke bank near its mouth at Litsing, Shantung. About eighty villages were inundated. Twenty thousand or more are made homeless. Litsing basin, which lies in the north-eastern corner of Shantung, is where the Yellow River enters the sea. The last break in this vicinity occurred in 1921. Details of the present break and its exact location were not yet known at the time of despatch.

No case of notifiable disease in the Colony was reported to the Medical Office of Health on Saturday and Sunday.

The London County Council tramways department has installed car-washing machines in the depots and dispensed with the services of 300 cleaners.

Arrangements for a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in the Salonica and Gallipoli areas, to begin in August, are being made by St. Barnabas Pilgrimages, 7, Hobart-place, London, S.W. 1.

The amount required for flood relief work, states the Lord Mayor, is £97,000, of which £38,000 has been collected in the various localities, while the Mansion House Fund amounts to £54,600.

The King was represented by Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson at the funeral at Bemburgh, Isle of Wight, of Admiral of the Fleet Sir John de Robeck, who commanded the naval force at the Gallipoli landing.

The Hull police have now recovered five of the guinea pigs (some of which were inoculated with the germs of an infectious disease) which were missing from the Hull infirmary research laboratories.

The Minister of Health refuses to sanction a £9,700 loan for library improvements by the West Ham Council until "the financial position in the area has improved and the rates are no longer at their present high level."

The Eton Rural District Council has passed a resolution deploring the City of London Corporation's proposal to lay out four acres in the heart of East Buranham Common, Buckinghamshire, as a recreation and sports ground.

The growing numbers of girls who are wearing German-dumped red, white, and black scarves, have made the Old Pauline Society, St. Paul's School, West Kensington, decide to change the design of their old boy colours.

Lord Buckmaster (an ex-Lord Chancellor), who a few years ago embarked on a commercial career in the City, has returned to the judicial business in the House of Lords and took part in the hearing of an income tax appeal.



General Wong Shih-hung, a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sun and chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, who was present at the official send-off to H.E. the Governor at Canton yesterday.

The London County Council will consider a resolution suggesting legislation placing definitely on some authority, so far as the County of London is concerned, the duty of supervising flood defence works along Thames-side.

Contributions at the rate of 12,000 a day have been flowing in to the London Hospital, White-chapel, E., in response to the appeal for funds made by Lord Knutsford, the chairman. The contributions vary from a three-penny bit to a cheque for £1,500 from a Kensington man who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Committee on Municipal Savings Banks, set up in 1922, reports that while such banks would provide some additional incentive to thrift, the proportion of new savings which they alone would obtain is small in relation to the whole; and it is considered that they might tend to increase municipal expenditure.

Gerard Lee Ewan, the City financier who, in December 1922, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for fraud in connection with the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was released from Maidstone Prison in mail week. He had served five years and three months of his sentence, having earned full remission marks. Ewan is an undisciplined, friends to live abroad.

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GETTING TOGETHER.

(Continued from Page 7.)

used a kerosene lamp when I felt really flush. (Laughter.) The streets were not lit at all. My own street at Kwoon Yin-fong was always barred up at nightfall and I could not leave that street or return to it if I wished to do so, after the sun had set.

Very spectacular improvements have now been made: but a municipal administration is concerned even more with those matters which concern the health of the people and which attract little outward attention. I refer to things such as sewage disposal, water supply, scavenging and the like. In these matters also very great progress has been made and the health of the people has been well cared for. The care of public health is, of course, mutually important to Hong Kong and to Canton because, as you know, there is a daily ebb and flow of many thousands of travellers from Canton to Hong Kong and Hong Kong to Canton; and these people cannot be placed under medical supervision at either end by quarantine. Therefore it is highly important that the two centres from which they travel should be cared for by medical officers of health in an efficient manner.

Loan of Graduates.
It occurs to me that one of the ways in which, perhaps, Hong Kong and Canton might assist each other would be by the health officers both in Hong Kong and Canton keeping in close touch and informing each other day by day of the health conditions in their respective towns.

It also occurs to me that in Hong Kong we have a University where we train doctors and engineers and that there must be many openings for medical men and for engineers in the Canton Municipality. It may perhaps be arranged that some of our Hong Kong graduates, who are mostly Cantonese, should be attached to the Municipal administration here to assist you, Mr. Lam Wan-kai, in your difficult work and become members of your technical staff.

Close Co-operation.
There are only two suggestions which occur to me at the moment and which I submit for your consideration.

I heartily associate myself with what Your Worship has said about the importance of close co-operation in all matters, and particularly in matters of public health, between Hong Kong and Canton, and I shall do everything I possibly can to assist the Canton Municipality in this respect.

I ask you, Gentlemen, to join me in drinking to the health of the Mayor and to the prosperity of the Municipality of Canton.

CHAMBER DINNER.

H.E. Welcomed By The Merchants.

There was a large assembly at the dinner given by the Canton General Chamber of Commerce to the Hong Kong visitors. Mr. Wu Chung-tong delivered an address in Chinese, a broad translation of which follows:—

As chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce I have the privilege to represent all the merchants of the whole of Kwangtung to extend our heartiest welcome to H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hong Kong who honours us by his visit to-day.

The strained relations between Canton and Hong Kong of three years ago have now been eradicated. During the last ten days, Sir Miles Lampson, the plenipotentiary of your esteemed country has visited us and ushered into Canton a spirit of festivity. Then the chairman of our Government, Marshal Li Chai-sum, proceeded to Hong Kong to bid Minister Lampson bon voyage and, at the same time, to pay an official call on H. E. the Governor of Hong Kong. Now Sir Cecil has come to Canton to repay the compliment. The result has been a marked improvement in the friendly relations between China and Britain and there is practical proof of such improvement. And these visible signs are as an indicator of Sino-British relationship.

Looking Back.
Canton is a port of trade and communication extending to the five continents. China's commercial intercourse with Britain began earlier than other foreign countries. Canton and Hong Kong are neighbours and inter-dependent. Since your esteemed country began to develop Hong Kong, the number of Cantonese who have gone to live and trade there has grown to a million; their property and investments there have exceeded ten thousand then thousands (i.e. a hundred millions); the majority of goods passing in and out (of Hong Kong) is handled by Cantonese people. From the foregoing it can be seen how vitally Canton and Hong Kong depend on each other.

Sir Cecil Clementi has been an official in Hong Kong for 30 years and has become thoroughly conversant with Chinese language and literature. He speaks Cantonese fluently and he is very closely associated with Cantonese merchants. For these reasons he clearly understands the conditions of trade and whatever needs of the people. Accordingly, the Cantonese in Hong Kong respect and love him like unto the administrative chiefs of the Government of our own province.

Feeling of Expectation.
Trade of Canton and trade of Hong Kong "are as lips to the teeth; the one accords protection to the other." Therefore the members of this Chamber, while giving an enthusiastic welcome to your Excellency, cherish a deep feeling of expectation.

We all confidently expect that your Excellency, in the course of your present visit, will endorse an attitude of co-operation and mutual benefit towards Sino-British and Canton-Hong Kong commercial relationship. By so doing the development of Canton and Hong Kong will be hastened; and the merchants and other classes of the two countries will extensively enjoy the results. Your Excellency will be considered as an ardent friend of international harmony. Members of this Chamber will be ever grateful for your kindness, and I now ask these present to drink to the long life of the British Empire and the Republic of China, the health of Sir Cecil Clementi, the Governor of Hong Kong, and the prosperity of Canton-Hong Kong trade. (Applause.)

The toasts were accompanied by musical honours. The band in attendance was from Marshal Li's headquarters.

His Excellency's reply is given at the beginning of this report.

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Constructive Work.

This duty is not easy when relations are strained. Each side regards the other with suspicion and is inclined to give no credit for good intentions. On the other hand when relations are friendly as they are now, things run more smoothly. Time is not wasted in useless recrimination and really constructive work can be done in those matters in which the two governments are jointly interested.

You will appreciate therefore my personal satisfaction at the present happy state of affairs. I look forward to another year of office in Canton with the assurance that my work will be pleasant, if no less strenuous than in the past.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you on behalf of myself and the Shamen representatives here present for the delightful hospitality which you have shown us to-day, and I propose as a toast the prosperity of Anglo-Chinese trade. (Applause.)

MR. WONG WUI-MAN.

Hong Kong's Friendly Assistance.

Mr. Wong Wui-man (member of the executive committee of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce) proposed "the National Progress of Britain and prosperity to Sino-British relations." He said: Chairman Wu, Governor Clementi, the British Consul-General and respected visitors—Sir Cecil Clementi has conferred a great honour on us by condescending to attend the dinner given by this Chamber. The members of this Chamber are deeply impressed and grateful for the sentiments of Sino-British friendship expressed

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CANTON IMPRESSIONS.

Governor's Visit After Many Years.

POPULAR INTEREST.

Canton, Saturday Morning.
H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was most favourably impressed on his very

extensive tour of Canton city yesterday afternoon after an absence of many years. The old rambling city walls had given way to new, wide thoroughfares. Hitherto inaccessible spots inside the hemmed-in city are now easily reached by motor-car. Well-organised traffic police are on duty on all the spacious malloos. Vast blocks of modern buildings had sprung up in place of the dark, one-storied houses of the past.

The highest degree of unceasing vigilance was, next to the interest of the people, the feature of the visit. Nearly every floor of the houses on Shakes overlooking the British (West) bridge and connecting up Shamen had a policeman on duty from early in the morning until the guests had retired late at night. Traffic—both pedestrian and vehicular—was all diverted from that part of the Bund, Wing Hon-maloo and other roads where the fleet of motor-cars had to pass. But long after Sir Cecil Clementi had returned to Shamen for the night, thousands refused to leave the street junctions whence they might have caught a fleeting glimpse.

Canton is not as well lighted as the majority of big cities and visibility at night is necessarily poor. Yet from as far off as a hundred yards the crowds refused to budge until the police and military cordons had been dismissed.

Belagged Sampan.
In all parts of the city and even on sampans, the Union Jack flies side by side with the Nationalist flag. Streamers of welcome were displayed at vantage points and enthusiasm reached a high pitch around the time when Sir Cecil was to dine at Provincial Government Building, in the heart of the old city.

With bunting, festoons, garlands and coloured matchwork, that part of the Bund and Wing Hon-maloo which leads on to Government Pier had been transformed by a myriad of electric lights into a memorable scene. The pai lau's massive form was picked out in red bulbs—red being the Chinese lucky colour—and the two Chinese characters for "welcome" could be seen from the Pearl River and Honam, on the south side of the harbour. It was under this beautiful arch over the road that the guests had to pass each time.

Strict as the cordons were, nobody took offence. Detours were made in friendly spirit because of the occasion and even commanders of regiments, who were high field officers, were diverted from the "special route" although their cars were packed with bodyguards waving Mauser pistols from the running-boards.

Picked Men.

The picked men of Marshal Li Chai-sum's bodyguard, the special city garrison, gendarmes, police, detectives, motor-cycle portable machine-gun section and others were on duty from early morning till late at night. Those detailed to provide the strong escort for H.E. the Governor were specially complimented by His Excellency for their smart work. Sir Cecil shook hands with most of the officers and men and highly pleased them by his knowledge of the Chinese language.

Tour of City.

Mr. Chu Chao-hsin (Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and formerly China's delegate to the League of Nations) and Mr. Li Man-yan (director of the Revenue Council and Adjutant-General on Marshal Li's staff) conducted Sir Cecil Clementi, the Hon. Sir Shou-shun Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., Captain B. R. Forster (Private Secretary), on an extensive tour of the city yesterday afternoon. Most of the journey was made in a fleet of cars but the narrow

side-streets were traversed on foot.

His Excellency was particularly interested in Koon Yin-fong (a street in the fashionable residential district of Sai Kwan, the western suburb), because he had lived in a house there to study Chinese and in the old British yamen on Flower Pagoda-street (which has recently been handed back to the Canton Government, but where British cadets in the Colonial and Consular services have been trained in things Chinese for many years). Sir Cecil and his staff also went to the Goddess of Mercy Hills, the range of heights skirting the north of Canton city, the public parks and the Memorial to the Seventy-two Heroes to the eastward of the city, where the visitors paid their respects to those who had laid down their lives in the Revolution of seven years ago, which made China a republic.

Lady Clementi's Walk.

Lady Clementi was also out in the city yesterday afternoon. She was conducted by Madame Li Chai-sum, Mrs. Li Man-yan (the wife of the Adjutant-General, who stayed with Madame Li at Government House) and Mrs. Cheung Wai-chiang (director of the Aviation Bureau). The last named is a highly accomplished lady of the new Chinese school and speaks English fluently and charmingly. Mr. Lai Man-yum (private secretary to Marshal Li) was attached to this sight-seeing tour which also extended to the Goddess of Mercy Hills, the public parks and the old British yamen.

The Banquet.

Towards evening, the visitors, including Lady Clementi, were escorted to Provincial Government Building to attend the banquet given by Marshal Li Chai-sum, who is head of the Kwangtung Government by virtue of being chairman of the Canton branch of the Nationalist Political Executive Council and commander-in-chief of the 8th Route of the Nationalist Army.

Every Government building of importance was specially lighted up and decorated for the occasion. The design on the Treasury was outstanding and the Union Jack stood out clearly from the background.

The spacious grounds of Provincial Government Building had been prettily dealt with. A guard of honour from the model brigade of the 11th Nationalist Army was on duty and the brass band of youthful musicians attached to the commander-in-chief's headquarters was in attendance. A part of the ground floor was tastefully set out with a lounge, dining room, etc.

Distinguished Assembly.

The Consular Body from Shamen, with their ladies, were present, including, of course, Mr. J. G. Brennan, C.M.G. (British Consul-General). All high officials in the Kwangtung Government and all heads of departments were present. Military and Naval officers of "General" rank wore their uniforms for the occasion. There were about a dozen Chinese official ladies present and the total attendance was about a hundred and twenty. General Wong Shiuh-hung, head of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, was present.

The menu and programme were printed in English and Chinese. The former bore the Union Jack and the Nationalist flag on a tasteful cover with the wording in gold. A twelve-course dinner was very much enjoyed, guests having the option of using either chopsticks or knife and fork. On the back were the following, in English and Chinese, from the Chinese classics:—

"All within the four seas are brethren," which is a saying of Confucius, China's greatest sage, who is so often quoted all over the world.

"Is it not delightful to have friends coming from distant quarters?"

"To maintain peace among nations of the world."

"To keep in touch with kind men and to make friends with neighbours is our national treasure."

"Venerable Sir, since you have not counted it far to come here, I presume that you are likewise provided with counsels to profit my country."

The programme was in red with gold lettering.

When the band had rendered the Chinese national anthem, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, speaking in Chinese, gave the toast "The Republic of China (may it prosper ten thousand years)."

H.E.'s Sai Kwan Dialect.
Marshal Li Chai-sum then delivered the address of welcome and called on those present to drink to the health of H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong.

The toast was received with musical honours, the band playing "God Save the King."

Then Sir Cecil Clementi replied in Chinese, speaking clearly in the Sai Kwan Cantonese dialect. The Chinese present were very much impressed by his mastery of the Chinese language and his speech was enthusiastically received, meeting with hearty applause throughout, just as Marshal Li had done. That Sir Cecil had spoken most lucidly and even exceeded expectations was the unanimous opinion.

LI'S DECLARATION.

MESSAGE TO KUOMINTANG ORGANISATIONS.

OUST THE REDS!

What may turn out to be the pivot point of the trend of political events in South China or rather the Kuomintang party, is envisaged in a declaration made on March 9 by the provincial authorities of the Liang Kuang, headed by Marshal Li Chai-sum.

It is a lengthy document broadcast to all Kuomintang organisations in the country, setting out the constructional policy of the declarants. Opening with a narration of the revolutionary movement, with its original seat in Kwangtung, it denounces in emphatic style the intrigues of Communists and tells how Communism has been the stumbling block of Nationalist progress.

It recalls the ravages perpetrated by the Reds Yeh Ting and Ho Lung, and also relates the intrigues of Wang Ching-wei and others of the Leftists.

Dealing with the Red rising under Chang Fat-kwei and Wang Ki-cheung last year, Marshal Li and the other signatories to the declaration give a graphic description of the sufferings of the people. The invitation recently extended by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to these two "Red" generals to join the northern expedition is viewed with disapproval. Having wrought all the great wrongs upon the people, these recalcitrants (states the telegram) ought to receive their meet punishment. Those of the troops under them who are not proved Reds may, however, be re-enlisted and re-organised for service, but should on no account be allowed to remain as a unit under their present designation of the 4th Army.

In conclusion, the declaration points out that, after all the sufferings and hardships through which this part of the country has passed, rehabilitation is both pressing and essential at the present moment.

It is therefore suggested that work hereafter will be directed to this end.

The declaration further suggests that all territories under the rule of the Kuomintang should also remove all obstacles to the revolutionary movement, that the achievement of the unification of the country lies in the practical development of the military strength and that reconstructional work should be energetically followed up. Then will the true spirit of revolution be realised; and then will troops be sacrificed for a worthy objective.

"Nam Chung Po."

HOCKEY.

HONG KONG AND KOWLOON LADIES.

Playing on the Central British School ground at King's Park on Saturday afternoon, the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club drew with the Kowloon Ladies.

From the bully-off the game was evenly contested, each goal in turn being visited, but erratic shooting on the part of both teams nullified all attempts.

In a spirited dash to the Kowloon goal the first point of the game was registered after 20 minutes play and towards the end of the second half the Kowloon forwards in a fine combined attack, scored, thus levelling matters. The final whistle went with both teams struggling for the lead.

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"THE DEMI BRIDE."

AMUSING FILM AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Lew Cody and Norma Shearer again appear in a picture of more than usual worth which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre. It is called "The Demi Bride" and is distinctly amusing in treatment. The action throughout is in Paris and Cody shines, as he always has done, as the man about town who is more often than not among the women. Miss Shearer has the part of a convent girl who by sheer force of circumstances, allied with not a little ingenuity of her own, becomes the bride of the philanderer. There is a well-drawn characterisation of a deceived husband, together with one of an outraged "flame" who arrives on the scene on the day of the wedding in order to tell the ex-convent girl all about her husband's past. A light-hearted film, well directed and without a dull moment.

A new "Felix" comedy adds considerably to an excellent programme.

MARY PICKFORD FILM.

Mary Pickford's latest picture, "My Best Girl," is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "My Best Girl" is the story of a shop girl, who, through all the hard knocks she receives, still retains a belief in better things. She is an enigma to her own family, who cannot understand the idealism with which she points out the shadow in their lives. At the store she meets a new employee with whom she falls in love, having no idea that he is the son of her employer. The picture is taken from the novel by Kathleen Norris. Many unusual photographic effects have been contrived by the cameraman, which were obtained by using a special lens producing an almost stereoscopic effect. Altogether it may safely be predicted that "My Best Girl" will be voted one of Mary Pickford's best pictures, as it is brimful of comedy with a touch of pathos here and there.

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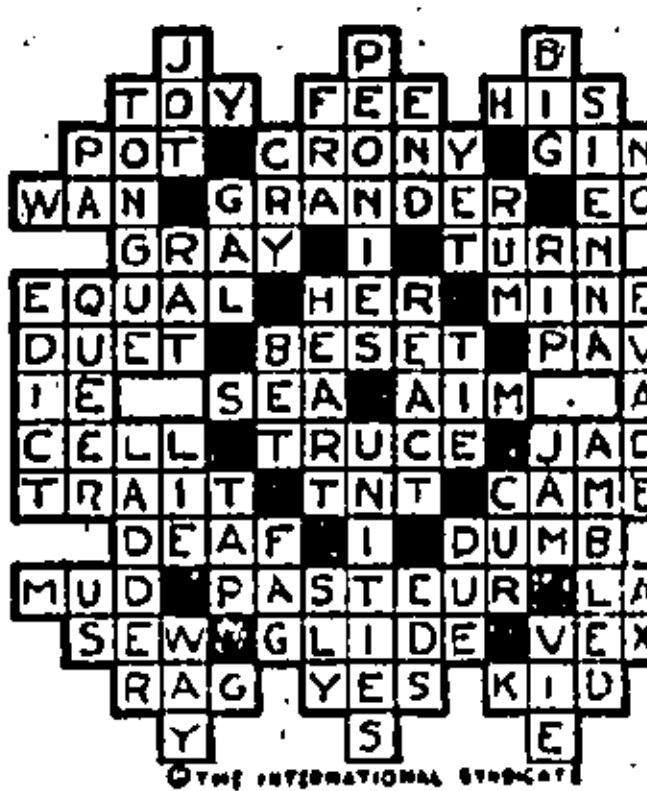


Many of the Newest Gowns Show Paris Inspiration in Circular Effects, Side Drapes and Pleaties.

elsewhere. This may be due partly to the care with which a smart New York woman selects her stockings. She does not choose the more flamboyant nude shades, that beige which is a trifle too pink, that beige a trifle too yellow. She knows that the softest nude shades are more becoming to the ankle and that light and dark gun-metals are even more slimming.

Stockings are very careful!

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



Special Treatments

There are beauty specialists who will give half-hour ankle treatments, including the massage and hot salt sack. And they usually suggest, and teach, a few ankle exercises. Raising on the toes is excellent for flabby, thick ankles, and twisting the foot round and round with the hand is also good. Naturally, some ankles are thicker than others, have always been thick since childhood; but most American women are small-boned, with small wrists and ankles, and they know quite well that the thickening in their case comes with increasing years, indolence, and over-indulgence in acidity-producing foods. Hence the frantic efforts to keep the ankles slim and young, and in accord with the slender, graceful figure and the firm, fresh face—lest they should give the game away.

—Mary Ryan in the "Daily Mail."

COMMODORE'S CUP.

NINETEEN YACHTS FACE STARTER.

WIN FOR "LA LINDA."

The Commodore's Cup race was held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon.

Nineteen yachts, divided into two classes, took part in the race. Nine Handicap and One Design yachts raced in one class, whilst in the other ten Gael and Hayward Hays sailed.

The course was as follows:—Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Mark on Line (P) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance 9.7 miles.

The following were the results of the race:—

Handicap and One Design Class.

	Fin. Time	Cor. Time
Diana (9)	4.04.32	4.02.55
Colleen (3)	4.03.45	3.55.40
Rolla (8)	4.01.28	4.01.28
La Linda (1)	4.00.50	3.53.33½
Argulla II (5)	4.07.02	3.57.20
Dorothea (7)	4.05.24	3.58.07½
Daphne (4)	4.16.21	3.56.57
Ailsa (2)	4.13.44	3.54.20
Haleycon (6)	4.17.21	3.57.57

The six yachts mentioned first were Handicap craft, and the other three One Design yachts. Gael and Hayward Hays Class.

	Fin. Time
Gael	4.21.19
Pierrette	4.22.55
Thecla	4.22.19
Viking	4.26.16
Joan	4.24.24
Why Wonder?	4.20.26
Wings	4.22.42
Adele	4.20.35
Adanac	4.22.45
Lola	4.26.21

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PING-PONG LEAGUE.

PRIZES PRESENTED TO LEAGUE WINNERS.

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

At the Hop Yatt Hall, (Church of Christ in China), Bonham-road, on Saturday evening, Mr. R. E. Lindell gave away the prizes won in the Hong Kong Ping Pong League.

Amongst the large gathering present were Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., the generous donor of all the prizes, including two Challenge Cups, and Mr. Woo Hay-tong, who contributed a substantial sum towards the expenses of the League Concert which was presented in the Hall after the distribution of prizes.

Many Chinese ladies also graced the proceedings with their presence. The Concert programme which was an attractive one, was greatly enjoyed by all present. It included some fine violin solos by Mr. J. Braga, and graceful classical dance items by the well-known pupils of Miss V. Capell. Their performance was up to the usual high standard, and every item was deservedly well applauded.

Prize Winners.

Mr. Braga, who is also not a stranger to local concert audiences, with whom he had always been a popular performer, lived up to his reputation on Saturday night, and greatly pleased with the excellently rendered intricate pieces which he chose as his offerings.

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CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY WIN BOTH DIVISIONS.

EXCITING VALLEY GAME.

Great excitement prevailed at the match between the Civil Service C.C. and the Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley on Saturday, the result being left drawn. The outcome of this game had a very important bearing in the senior League for the K.C.C., as they were in the running for the championship.

By snatching a point from Kowloon, the Civil Service gave the Shield to the University, so to speak. Last year's champions, up to Saturday, had two more matches to play from which they had to take the full points in order to retain their title. The result, therefore, has placed the "Varsity" in the leading position from which they cannot now be ousted.

The University deserve the heartiest congratulations as they have won both divisions of the League this season, the junior championship having previously gone their way.

The Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI, who defeated the Club de Recreio, are runners-up in the second division, although they have still one match in hand.

League I.

CIVIL SERVICE v. K.C.C.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. drew with the Kowloon C.C.

A big first-wicket partnership between Sayer (36) and de Rome (39) laid the foundation for the respectable total of 166 put up by the Civil Service. Hawkins and Baker contributed 23 each while Sutherland collected 18 in quick time. Lylal bowled 19 overs and accounted for eight wickets for 61 runs.

Kowloon started shakily, losing four wickets for 44 runs but were only 14 runs behind with two wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. Lylal hit out lustily for 46 while E. C. Fincher and Buxton helped with 20 each, the latter being undefeated. Scores:—

Civil Service C.C.		Kowloon C.C.	
G. R. Sayer, b Goodwin	36	W. Brace, run out	2
F. J. de Rome, c Brace, b Lylal	39	A. W. Ramsay, lb.w., b Reed	16
A. E. Wood, b Lylal	0	F. E. Lawrence, st Holdman, b Reed	8
E. W. Hamilton, c Brace, b Lylal	0	F. Goodwin, b Reed	3
B. C. K. Hawkins, c Buxton, b Lylal	23	J. C. Lylal, st Holdman, b Baker	46
A. R. Sutherland, b Lylal	18	E. F. Fincher, b Hamilton	16
F. H. Holdman, b Lylal	18	Capt. Reynolds, c & b Ling	20
H. E. Strange, b Goodwin	12	E. C. Fincher, b Reed	20
M. E. Reed, b Lylal	0	H. T. Buxton, not out	20
F. J. Ling, not out	6	S. Jex, not out	4
Extras	9	Extras	4

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C. Sousa	8 3 11 3	Abbas	8 1 52 4
Alves	7 0 33 3	Oliver	5 0 14 6
Reed	4 0 20 1	Mackay	1 0 7 0

Club de Recreio.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
R. C. Reed, c Hyde, b Overy	11	H.K.C.C. 2ND v. VARSITY 2ND.	
L. J. Gutierrez, c Hyde, b Lee	8		
H. M. Xavier, b Overy	6		
H. A. Alves, run out	2		
D. Xavier, b Overy	4		
F. Carvalho, lb.w., b Lee	22		
M. Pinna, b Lee	2		
D. Lopes, b Lee	3		
E. Sousa, b Lee	0		
H. Barros, c Murray, b Lee	11		
C. Sousa, not out	4		
Extras	6		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
Lee	11.1 3 19 6	W. N. H. Murdoch, b Sudan	5
Overy	8 1 24 3	A. C. Howell, c Osman, b	0
Murray	2 0 16 0	Hiptoola	0
Drysdale	1 0 8 0	F. Syme-Thomson, c Loke, b	3

Friendly Matches.

UNIVERSITY v. H.K.C.C.

At Pokfulam, the University lost to the Hong Kong C.C. by 43 runs. Capt. Thorp played a prominent part in the victory of his side, as after scoring 57 runs, he took six wickets for 42. R. Hancock, going in towards the end, knocked up 33 not out, the Club total reaching 188 for nine wickets, declared.

The Rev. Quick captured four wickets for 32. The Varsity replied with 145, Quick being highest scorer with 44. Scores:—

Hong Kong C.C.		University	
A. W. Hayward, hit wicket, b Quick	16	S. V. Gittins, c Duckitt, b Thorp	17
Capt. N. Thorp, b Lam	57	E. A. Lee, b Thorp	1
E. R. Duckitt, b Lam	28	E. K. Quick, c & b Owen-Hughes	44
O. Moor, b Gittins	9	C. W. Lam, c Dunbar, b Thorp	23
H. Owen-Hughes, lb.w., b Quick	10	F. I. Zimmerman, b Thorp	16
J. R. Way, b Gittins	0	A. P. Gutierrez, b Owen-Hughes	0
F. Spencer, b Quick	0	D. Laing, b Thorp	0
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Laing, b Gutierrez	33	J. L. Youngs, not out	8
R. Hancock, not out	33	A. T. Lee, c Hayward, b Owen-Hughes	17
T. E. Pearce, c Gittins, b Quick	4	N. P. Karanjia, b Owen-Hughes	0
J. C. Dunbar, not out	1	Extras	21
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Total (for 9 wickets, dec.)		Total (for 9 wickets, dec.)	
Hong Kong C.C.	188	University	145
Gutierrez	11		
Lam	11		
Quick	10		
A. T. Lee	8		
Gittins	5		

University		Kowloon C.C.	
S. V. Gittins, c Duckitt, b Thorp	17	W. Brace, run out	2
E. A. Lee, b Thorp	1	A. W. Ramsay, lb.w., b Reed	16
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F. I. Zimmerman, b Thorp	16	J. C. Lylal, st Holdman, b Baker	46
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D. Laing, b Thorp	0	Capt. Reynolds, c & b Ling	20
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A. T. Lee, c Hayward, b Owen-Hughes	17	H. T. Buxton, not out	20
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Extras	21	Extras	4

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H.K.C.C. 2ND v. VARSITY 2ND.

Bowlers had the upper hand in the above match which resulted in a narrow victory for the University 2nd XI. (playing away).

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WEEK-END RESULTS.

Results of principal football
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as follow (home teams mentioned
first):—

Soccer International.

At Amsterdam:—Holland 1 goal,
Belgium 1 goal.

Inter-League.

At Glasgow:—Scottish League 2
goals, English League 6 goals.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Division I.

Blackburn 2, Liverpool 1.
Birmingham 4, Sheffield United 1.
Bolton 1, Arsenal 1.
Cardiff 6, Leicester 0.
Everton 0, Portsmouth 0.
Huddersfield 4, Sunderland 2.
Manchester United 1, West Ham 1.
Middlesbrough 6, Bury 1.
Newcastle 7, Aston Villa 5.
Wednesday 5, Burnley 0.
Tottenham 1, Derby 2.

Division II.

Blackpool 2, Hull 1.
Bristol City 2, Barnsley 0.
Chelsea 2, Preston N.E. 1.
Clapton Orient 1, Swansea 1.
Grimsby 2, Notts Forest 1.
Notts County 4, South Shields 1.
Oldham 0, Leeds 1.
Reading 1, Manchester City 1.
Southampton 1, Port Vale 3.
Stoke 2, Wolverhampton 2.
West Bromwich 4, Fulham 0.

Division III (South).

Brentford 3, Newport 1.
Bournemouth 2, Coventry 3.
Brighton 0, Gillingham 0.
Crystal Palace 2, Watford 1.
Exeter 2, Charlton 1.
Luton 2, Swindon 1.
Millwall 6, Queen's Park Rangers 1.

Northampton 6, Merthyr 0.
Norwich 2, Plymouth 0.
Southend 2, Walsall 1.
Torquay 0, Bristol Rovers 0.

Division III (North).

Barrow 2, New Brighton 1.
Bradford 2, Crewe 0.
Chesterfield 3, Ashington 0.
Durham 1, Doncaster 3.
Nelson 1, Lincoln 3.
Rochdale 0, Hartlepool 1.
Rotherham 2, Accrington 1.
Southport 2, Wigan 1.
Stockport 3, Bradford City 0.
Tranmere 2, Halifax 2.
Wrexham 1, Darlington 2.
Scottish League (Div. I.).
Aberdeen 3, Partick 0.
Clyde 2, Queen's Park 1.
Dundee 4, Hibernians 1.
Hamilton 4, Raith 1.
Hearts 2, St. Mirren 1.
Kilmarnock 1, Falkirk 1.
St. Johnstone 4, Bo'ness 1.
Postponed: Airdrie v. Celtic.
Cowdenbeath v. Motherwell, Rangers v. Dunfermline.

RUGGER MATCHES.

International at Cardiff:—Wales
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points (2 goals and 1 try).

County Championship: Yorkshire
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VALLEY GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. JUNIOR SECTION
CHAMPIONSHIP.

Matches played to date in the
first round (match play) of the
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section championship at Happy
Valley are as follow:—
P. Morrison beat A. J. W. Dorling
(5 up and 4 to play); J. McCubbin
beat W. Pryde (4 and 3); J.
Stewart beat F. E. E. Booker (1
up); R. Wallace beat G. McLeod (4
up); J. M. McBride beat F. T.
James (2 and 1); E. Moore beat
C. A. Goldenberg (7 and 6).
The matches between A. E. Clark
v. W. McKay and J. Laing v. A. E.
Charman have not yet been played.

LADIES' SECTION.

The final of the Royal Hong Kong
Golf Club ladies' section championship
was played over the course at
Fanling yesterday, and was won by
Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, who beat
Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith, 3 up and 2
to play.
Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock presented
the championship cup to Mrs.
Tottenham and the runner-up cup
to Mrs. Whyte-Smith, after which,
in the absence of the Hon. Mr.
E. R. Hallifax, Captain of the
R.H.K.G.C., Mr. H. R. B. Hancock
made a brief speech of congratulation.

Mrs. F. A. Redmond, Captain of
the Ladies' Section, thanked Mrs.
Hancock.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong
during March, according to the
standard time of the 120th meridian
east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	a.m.	p.m.
12	6.35	6.32
13	6.34	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
27	6.21	6.37
28	6.20	6.37
29	6.19	6.37
30	6.18	6.38
31	6.17	6.38

MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL.

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The motor cycle trial organised
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to watch difficult sectors negotiat-
ed.

Although 50 riders competed
and the itinerary included difficult
sectors requiring considerable
skill, the trial was remarkably free
from accidents, two riders only ex-
periencing minor spills requiring
attention for scratches and bruises.

As considerable data will have
to be gone through in the matter
of times of arrival at given points
and secret checks at various points,
it will be impossible to announce
the result until to-morrow. It is
satisfactory to note that nearly all
competitors completed the course.

Congratulations are due to all
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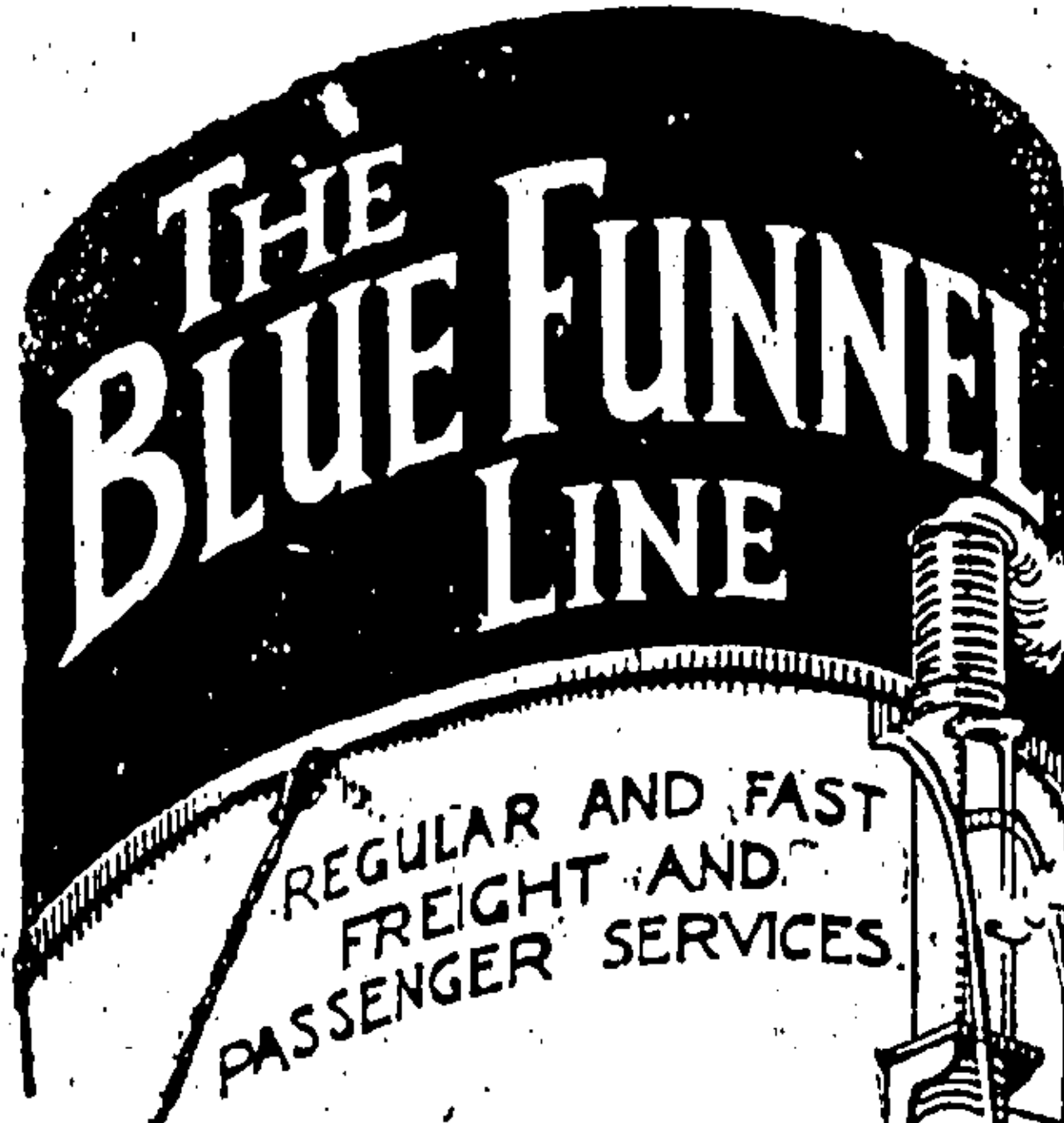
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Shanghai Ning Po 2.30 p.m.
Amoy Namsang 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 15.
Japan Anyo Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits Cremer 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Team 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai Nan Chan 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 27th Mar. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 16th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 16th) 10.30 a.m. Taiping

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SEAMAN KILLED.

Mysterious West River Tragedy.

VILLAGERS OPEN FIRE.

Surprise Attack On Men Of H.M.S. "Robin."

Details are lacking of the actual circumstances, but information is to hand that Able Seaman Ronald Rough, of H.M.S. "Robin," was shot—presumably by villagers—when returning together with other seamen from a shore visit at Kamchuk, (Sainam Channel) West River district. Rough received wounds in the stomach and back from which he later succumbed. His body was brought to Hong Kong by H.M.S. "Robin," which arrived here yesterday morning and the funeral will take place to-day, leaving the Royal Naval Hospital at 5 p.m.

It appears that Rough and the others had taken a football ashore on Friday afternoon and, after indulging in a kick-about, they made to return about 6 p.m. Natives of the district appeared on the scene armed with rifles and details as to what happened next are obscure. It appears that Rough and another seaman were detached from the others and the leaders among the "Robin" Bluejackets noticed them running to join up with the rest of the party. Fire was opened from the group of natives and Rough fell, mortally wounded. A stretcher party was sent ashore and H.M.S. "Robin" proceeded to Pakkai for the purpose of getting medical assistance. Dr. McDonald, of the Mission Hospital at Pakkai, came aboard but Rough died shortly after arrival in Pakkai.

SOVIET ANXIETY.

ALLEGED PLOTS AT DONETZ.

MOSCOW SENSATION.

Riga, Yesterday. A sensation has been caused in Leningrad and Moscow owing to the O. G. P. U. arresting a number of engineers, technicians and officials at Donetz coal basin on a charge of counter-revolutionary activities and plots to destroy the mines.

Berlin, Yesterday. A telegram from Moscow states that six German engineers are among the arrested at Donetz, including three who were sent to Russia by the General Electric Co. of Berlin, which states that they were very trustworthy and that they have no doubt that the charge will be proved unfounded; but it will probably be difficult to induce other engineers to go to Russia to superintend the erection of machinery supplied by the Company.

Rykov's Report. In reporting to the Moscow Soviet regarding the Donetz arrests, M. Rykov stated that a dozen counter-revolutionary and technical experts had been able systematically to disorganise industry in the district. He was reluctant to admit that German and British commercial firms were concerned therein, but it was established that certain foreign firms directly participated in the plot.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German ambassador at Moscow has requested the Soviet Government fully to explain the reasons of arrest.—Reuter.

Alleged Activities.

Riga, Yesterday. A statement issued by Rykov and Tomsy the public prosecutor, in regard to the Donetz arrests, alleges that the arrested men systematically tried to ruin Soviet industry by flooding the best mines destroying the machinery, and organising sabotage strikes etc. The plotters were backed and paid by ex-miners and shareholders, particularly German industrialists, for the purpose of weakening Soviet defences and facilitating a military invasion. They aided trade union officials and consequently a special conference of executives of the "red" unions urgently summoned at Moscow was empowered thoroughly to "purge" the miners' union.—Reuter.

INTOLERABLE.

Mussolini On Tyrol Question.

SPEECH BY DEEDS.

Italian Premier Throws Out Hint To Austria.

Rome, Mar. 3. Premier Mussolini to-day told the Italian Chamber of Deputies that Austrian manifestations against Italian rule in the Tyrol were becoming "intolerable."

"This is the last time I shall speak of the Tyrol question," declared the Duce. "Next time our speech will be by deeds."

This, combined with previous fiery and significant statements by Mussolini on the same subject, is construed here as tending to make a serious problem for the League of Nations.

It is expected that the League will take up consideration of the question at its next Council session in an effort to reach an amicable settlement and avoid possible blood-shed.—United Press.

AT GENEVA.

LEAGUE COUNCIL SESSION ENDS.

SIR AUSTEN'S VIEWS.

Geneva, Yesterday. The session of the League Council has closed.—Reuter.

The Treaty With Egypt.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain reached London to-night from Geneva. On the way he had a short conversation at the station in Paris, with Lord Crewe. Discussing the League affairs with journalists before leaving Geneva, the British Foreign Secretary said he had been hoping to welcome Egypt as a new member in their midst. Unfortunately the Egyptian Government had rejected the treaty which he and Sarwat Pasha had together drafted. Nevertheless the proposal that Britain had made, to refer to a free decision of the League Council at the end of ten years the important question of the disposition of British troops in Egypt remained on record as testimony to the sincerity of Britain's faith in the League.—British Wireless Service.

Machine-Gun Parts.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League Council have virtually shelved the conundrum of the machine-gun parts to the Austro-Hungarian frontier.

A Committee of three, who have been appointed to unfold the tangled skein of evidence, informed the Council that the incident should be elucidated to the fullest extent, and that it might, therefore, be necessary to send experts to the scene of the episode.

The committee promises to report to the council before June.—Reuter.

NO SECRET TREATY.

THE SOVIET AND JAPAN.

JAPAN STATEMENT

While emphasising that the rumour to the effect that the Russo-Japanese secret treaty is entirely groundless, the Premier, speaking to Pressmen, observed that the Soviet and Japan had greater need than ever of closer economic co-operation. He expressed the hope that the two countries would soon be able to conclude a treaty of commerce and navigation for the maintenance of proper economic relations.

At the same interview, the Premier denied the rumour that Baron Goto was to be appointed Foreign Minister.

Referring to the rumour that the Soviet Embassy had supplied funds to the Farm Labour Party in the recent elections, Baron Tanaka stated that the Soviet Ambassador had assured him that the allegation was groundless, and he was fully prepared to accept M. Trayanovsky's word.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16.

HAPPY AS A GERMAN.

What Will Happen In 1930.

AMUSING FORECAST.

Britain To Lose India And Blacks To Rule America.

Berlin, Feb. 26. England, France and Germany, as they will appear in 1930, are described in a book written by R. H. France and just issued by a Munich publisher. The author exudes optimism, but there will be many readers, to whom his picture of Europe 52 years hence will not convey an impression of paradise regained.

"Happy as a German!" will become a saying in 1930, according to Mr. France.

But England, too, is to have her share of luck. The loss of India to the empire, which the author regards as a foregone conclusion and which "was generally expected to administer the deathblow to the empire," scarcely ruffled Britannia's composure. India's loss was borne by the mother-country without consternation.

Just as the French had introduced "nourishment pills," the British had resorted to the propagation of the human race by electro-genetic processes. Scarcely had mankind become independent of agricultural products through France's miraculous "nourishment pills," when a certain type of algae, growing in the Sahara and emitting fertile nitrates, rendered that expansive desert fecund. The Sahara thus evolves into the world's granary.

All cultivated Englishmen—in Mr. France's fervid imagination—have abandoned love as a channel of procreation. Two hundred thousand British subjects are produced annually in the national "ovigeration" institutions; these artificial humans are the cream of Britain's labouring class and civil service.

The U.S. The United States it may be mentioned parenthetically, which once threatened to eclipse Europe as a world power, has since succumbed to the domination of the negro race and of the Red Indians!

Since coal is no longer used as fuel, but merely for the production of dyes and medicaments, the sordid Ruhr district of Germany has become a smokeless, dustless and flower-bedecked paradise.

A national plebiscite, held in Germany in 1950, had administered a crushing defeat to the proposal, to adopt electro-genetic method of human procreation. The Germans stuck to love and marriage.

The author, Mr. France, imagines himself to be a second Jules Verne and is convinced that his prophecies will come true in the same measure as those of his French predecessor. So that's that.—United Press.

INDIANISATION.

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS LACK FAITH.

New Delhi, Yesterday. In the Assembly, Mr. Lajpatrai and Mr. Srinavasiyengar declared that they had no faith in the British Government with regard to the Indian Army scheme. It was not an insurance of peace but an insurance of continuous slavery.

Mr. Mackworth Young, Secretary of the Army Department, said the fighting units regarded it as impractical to put British soldiers in India under the command of Indian officers.—Reuter.

\$43 DIVIDEND.

HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders (to be held on March 28), the payment out of the profits for the year 1926 of a dividend of \$43 per share absorbing \$344,000; to pass \$25,000 to credit of Sterling Reserve, and \$100,000 to credit of Silver Reserve and \$2,287-7-5 to credit of Reinsurance Fund; carrying forward \$702,865.11 in respect of the year 1927.

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